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## Jin Air to start charter flights to Japan in Aug.

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The first Saipan-based Korean airline to provide daily charter flights to and from Japan will launch their inaugural flight on Aug. 1, 2018.

The pullout of Delta Airlines early this year resulted in a steady outflow of Japanese tourists that left the CNMI in dire need of a Japan flight.

Fortunately, while there

is no direct flight to Japan in place yet, Korean airlines are stepping up to service the Japan market until a direct Japan flight is confirmed.

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## CPA expected to become more aggressive on inter-island travel

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority is expected to be more aggressive on raking in airlines to service inter-island passengers.

According to CPA board member nominee for Rota Barrie Toves, several senators who attended yesterday's public hearing for his nomination voiced out their emerging concern for inter-island travel

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## CW due process rights at stake in Guanlao case

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Lawyer Rosemond B. Santos has asserted that whatever the decision the U.S. District Court for the NMI reached in the case of a Filipino mother of two minor U.S. children, who has been fighting against a 2013 immigration court's order of her removal

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## Mass illegal dumpsite found at CK cemetery

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The Saipan Mayor's Office uncovered a mass dumpsite on the outskirts of the Mount Carmel cemetery.

The Mount Carmel cemetery is arguably the largest burial area in the CNMI and is the resting place of many former CNMI dignitaries. Unfortunately, it has now become a dumpsite as well.

According to Saipan Mayor's Office operations manager Joann Aquino, she and her crew have visited the Mount Carmel cemetery six times in the last fiscal year and it has become a separate entity in

terms of cleanup.

Yesterday, upon visiting the cemetery, Aquino and her crew were able to uncover heaps of trash both surrounding the cemetery and within the cemetery grounds.

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## Local

### DYS asks \$1.3M budget for FY 2019

The Division of Youth Services is requesting a \$1.3-million budget for fiscal year 2019, according to its administrator Vivian T. Sablan.

The proposed budget for the division under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, according to Sablan, would allow it to continue with its programs to assist youth and parental communities.

The programs DYS expects to fund under the proposed fiscal year 2019 budget include case management services, congregate meals, counseling services, day care services, children, education and training services, employment services, family planning ser-

vices, foster care services for children, housing services, independent and transitional living services, information and referral, pregnancy and parenting services for young parents, prevention and intervention services, protective services for children, recreational services, special services for persons with developmental/physical disabilities, special services for youth involved in or risk of involvement with criminal activity, substance abuse services, and transportation services.

"We believe that the programs and services that we provide is all intergenerational, meaning that we cannot just help the victims themselves [or]

we cannot just help the juvenile probations themselves. We need to help them and the whole family component," she said.

Sablan, added that DYS doesn't only extend its services to the youth but to their parents as well.

"If there is additional need of providing parenting skills and classes or what, we need to address that component as well because even if we are helping the kid but not helping the parents and the kid goes back home, then it is back to square one. It is a intergenerational approach," she said.

DYS' purpose is to advocate for the prosperity of children, youth, families, and the community in general. Its focus incorporates educational and preventative activities and services that offer children, youth, and families the chance to learn life skills.

Sablan said DYS held a joint presentation to the Legislature to introduce its 2019 Consolidated Block Grant State Plan.

Three public hearings are also scheduled at three different sites: Tinian Youth Center on Aug. 3, Kagman Community Center on Aug. 8, and Rota's Sinapalo Youth Center on Aug. 10. *(Fahim Uddin)*

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# NMTI: Funding no longer a problem

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Northern Marianas Trades Institute chief executive officer Agnes McPhetres said that funding is no longer a problem with the Legislature also doing its share in keeping the trades school's programs running.

"The Legislature is working really hard. Legislation would be introduced for funding purposes. In my opinion, [we have] no problem with funding with the Legislature finding other ways," said McPhetres.

"There's in the law that [Business Gross Revenue Taxes] from the casino should also be going to NMTI. Under the law, we are in there and also the CWI funding it should go more of that to NMTI," she added.

NMTI has also implement-

ed various activities that were directed to increase revenues since McPhetres came on board four years ago.

NMTI has been soliciting donations from the local business sector through the CNMI Education Tax Credits, holding various fundraising events like last month's annual gala, getting allocation and other supplemental budget from the Legislature, and applying for other federal grants.

The said financial resources had helped keep NMTI afloat in order to keep its mission of promoting trades programs in the community.

The funds received are used for the programs, courses, facilities, and operations for NMTI to give its students the learning environment and equipment that would prepare them once they enter the CNMI workforce.

Funds raised in NMTI's

annual gala increased to an estimated amount of \$30,000 from \$24,000 last year. The gala raised \$16,500 in 2016.

These could have been some of the reasons why NMTI's enrolment resulted to a 10-fold increase. They also boast of a 77-percent job placement rate among their graduates.

Enrollment also increased since school year 2013-2014 where only 63 have availed of their four programs back then. There were 644 students enrolled in SY 2017-2018, a more than 50-percent jump from 317 in the previous SY 2016-2017. SY 2014-

2015 had 110 students, while there were 280 enrollees in SY 2015-2016.

Automotive technology, construction technology, culinary arts, and hotel and restaurant operations are programs that are still being offered with the addition of adult technical high school, carpentry, electricity, electronics, electronic systems technician, professionalism heavy equipment operations, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), power generation maintenance (mechanic and electrician), and welding trades.

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# AG: Renaming NMC building should be analyzed

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Attorney General Edward Manibusan stated in a communication to the Senate that the renaming of a building through a bill should be analyzed carefully by the Senate legal counsel.

Manibusan made the statement in response to Sen. Justo Quitugua's (Ind-Saipan) request for comments on House Speaker Rafael Demapan's (R-Saipan) House Bill 20-133 that the question to whether

or not the bill encroaches on the NMC Board of Regent's autonomy, which is protected by the CNMI Constitution, should be carefully analyzed by the Senate legal counsel.

Quitugua chairs the Senate Committee on Education and Youth Affairs, which handles H.B. 20-133, or the bill that renames Building P after former Northern Marianas College president Agnes Manglona McPhetres if enacted.

Manibusan also noted that if the building is renamed through a bill, the designation

would follow NMC to a different campus even if Building P is moved from their current campus.

"Although Building P is arguably a public building on public land, higher education colleges and universities typically have internal policies and procedures over the naming of their buildings and facilities," Manibusan wrote.

Manibusan and NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez, in a previous communication opposing the bill, cited the CNMI Constitution Art. XV, Section

2(a), which states that NMC and its Board of Regents, shall have "autonomy in the administration of its affairs."

Fernandez pointed out in a communication commenting on the bill to the House Judiciary and Government Operations Committee, headed by chair Rep. Ivan A. Blanco (R-Saipan), that previous CNMI Supreme Court rulings have recognized NMC as an autonomous agency, therefore leaving the authority to recognize McPhetres and her role to the "success of the college" to the

NMC board.

"We raise these issues about autonomy because, in the past several years, legislative interference has resulted in adverse actions by NMC's accrediting body. And, while [H.B. 20-133] means well, it may be

viewed as political interference because it attempts to assume duties that rightfully belong to the NMC Board of Regents," she previously wrote, noting that she merely wishes to prevent sanctions from being levied against NMC.

## JIN AIR

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During an interview with Jin Air regional manager Hong Gyu Hur, he confirmed that this would be the first time a Korean airline has agreed to provide air service to a Japan market.

"This is for the first time especially for a Korean airline. All Korean airlines have no experience in chartering flights from Japan...this is the first to try from our side," he said.

Hur said that the first charter flight will launch on Aug. 1 and will continue on for 25 days on a daily scheduled route.

The aircraft that will service

the Japan-Saipan flight will be a Boeing 737-800 that will be able to hold up to 189 passengers, excluding the crew.

According to Hur, Jin Air partnered with a tourism agency in Japan in order to send people to Saipan on these chartered flights.

When asked what inspired Jin Air to take the plunge and become the first Korean airline to charter a Japan route, Hur said that Jin Air just wanted to continue bringing in Japanese tourists to the CNMI despite the lack of a direct flight.

"This is the good moment to try this outright...and we should continue to promote Saipan to tourists," he said.

The Jin Air charter flight is scheduled to arrive on Saipan

at 3pm every day and depart at 4:20pm every day.

According to a previous interview with Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion, Asiana Airlines and Jeju Air will also provide Japan chartered flights as early as this Friday, July 13.

"Jin Air will launch 23 summer charters beginning Aug. 1 from Tokyo-Narita to Saipan. Asiana Airlines will also operate five charters from Tokyo-Narita to Saipan in August. Jeju will operate a flight from Nagoya to Saipan on July 13," he said.

Concepcion said, in behalf of MVA, they are pleased with the success they have achieved in the mission to secure a di-

rect flight to and from Japan.

"The MVA has been working tirelessly to bring additional flights from Japan so we are pleased with the success we've had thus far. Japan remains a pillar of our tourism industry even with limited flight options and we remain optimistic about the future of this key source market with the upcoming entry of a new airline soon," he said.

Concepcion said that the remainder of this fiscal year would see further drops in arrivals from Japan.

"As expected with limited flights so we seek community support to ensure our visitors are given the best experience when vacationing in the CNMI," he said.

## CW

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from the U.S., will be an important ruling on a question affecting nonresident workers' due process rights.

Santos, who is counsel for the mother Amalia Abo Guanlao, said Guanlao's case presents a unique challenge between clear violations of due process and the immigration administrative process requirements.

Santos said the underlying conflicting issue is of obvious importance CNMI-wide given the inevitable 10-year extension of the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program.

"For that basic reason, this case is a prime candidate for a stay on appeal," said the lawyer in Guanlao's memorandum in support of her motion to stay the proceedings in the District Court pending her appeal.

Guanlao is appealing to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit that seeks to reverse the District Court's ruling that dismissed her petition for a writ of habeas corpus. The petition seeks to appeal the immigration's removal order.

Santos is moving the District Court to grant Guanlao's motion for stay of the ordered dismissal of her petition and the lifting of the stay of removal, pending an appeal of the final order to the Ninth Circuit.

Santos said the "likelihood

of success" factor, properly understood, favors the entry of a stay pending appeal in this novel and important case.

Guanlao first moved to Saipan in April 1994 and has consistently remained in the CNMI for the past 24 years.

Guanlao married her husband (also a nonresident worker) in December 2000. Together they have children, ages 12 and 15 years old, who are both born in the CNMI and are U.S. citizens.

Santos said without the issuance of a stay, the Guanlao couple will be forced to sell all their personal belongings—including household items, automobiles, and other items.

She said the couple will be forced to pull their two children out of school and move their entire family to the Philippines after 24 years of residency in the CNMI.

"Such irreparable injury is both certain and great; it is actual and not theoretical; and it is real and immediate," the lawyer pointed out.

Santos said these concrete harms to Guanlao from having to implement the District Court's order, while it remains under appellate review, far outweigh any harm that respondents Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials may suffer from preservation of the legal status quo pending appeal.

She said the harm is significant in that it is a drastic, overwhelming, and life-changing

situation that will have tremendous effect not only on Guanlao, but also her gainfully employed husband and their two minor children.

On the other hand, Santos said, the respondents will not be affected by the issuance of a stay that has been in effect for over two years now.

Santos noted that the Ninth Circuit will ultimately decide one way or another whether to agree with the District Court's order granting dismissal or, conversely on Guanlao's contention that her ineffective assistance of counsel and due process violations may be reviewable despite the immigration's administrative requirements.

Santos said while that remains a possibility, the public interest favors staying this court's order as there are also personal legal rights, social and economic justice issues that will need to be resolved.

More importantly, Santos said, the inevitable passage of the pending federal "NMI U.S. Workforce Act of 2018" will mean the presence of nonresident workers in the CNMI for an additional 10 years.

"Such extension will certainly continue to raise immigration removal issues as it pertains to a nonresident workers' due process rights. This is most certainly a public interest matter which favors a stay," she said.

The lawyer said the absence of the court's order of stay in this case alters the status quo

## MASS

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Aquino noted that during previous visits, they had only needed to gather burial debris like old wreaths and candle remnants but upon their visit yesterday, the group uncovered household trash too that were dumped there in piles.

Stray dogs and stray animals also rummaged through the dumpsite adding onto the workload.

According to Saipan Mayor David Apatang, it was sadening to see the amount of disrespect that was shown for the final resting place of the island's deceased.

"There was a lot of trash. There are people using it [the cemetery] to dump their trash there and it's very sad to see that happening because that place is a sacred place for our people who have gone before

us. People should respect that," he said.

"All I am asking from the community is that when cleaning the grave of their loved ones, to take their trash with them. Don't just dispose of it right there because it looks bad and that place should always be cleaned because that's where our people are resting," he added.

Apatang said that he had to send two cleanup crews just to rid the cemetery of the amount of garbage sprawled across the Mount Carmel cemetery.

"We also had to bring in a backhoe and multiple trash bins and that shouldn't be necessary...all I am asking of our people is to cooperate because this isn't for us, this is for our people who passed before us," he said.

The Saipan Mayor's Office also maintains the cleanliness of the Tanapag cemetery and the Veterans cemetery.

## CPA

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in the vernacular.

Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigations chair Sen. Francisco Cruz (R-Tinian) was present in the public hearing, along with Sen. Steve Mesngon (R-Rota), Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan), Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), and vice chair Sen. Just Quitugua (Ind-Saipan). Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) was absent.

Toves pointed out that Rota is most affected by the recent pullout announcement of United Airlines as they severed ties with Cape Air Express in Micronesia. He added that difficulties in servicing air-travel passengers were increasing, and that he was almost not able to make it for his public hearing.

"...[The senators] emphasized the need for CPA to be more aggressive in trying to address this issue," he said. Toves added that back in May 2018, the board has already adopted a policy that opens up assistance for airlines wishing to establish flights servicing Rota and Guam.

Toves noted that the CPA board was able to task CPA board member representing Tinian, Kimberly King-Hinds, with reviewing what possible assistance the U.S. Department of Transportation may provide with her law background.

"We are going to need a U.S. congressional act in order for the CNMI to enjoy the same essential programs that

Hawaii and Alaska are enjoying at the moment," he said.

When it comes to subsidizing airlines to service routes that are not so feasible, Toves said it isn't so simple as to just outright paying the airlines for their services.

"...We can't set aside our revenue funds and establish a subsidy program for a particular airline. If we are going to implement a subsidy program, we are going to have to standardize it; all other airlines participating in our facilities are all qualified for that," he said.

However, Toves said CPA may consider subsidizing the route itself since it may prove to be more beneficial. He added that either way, subsidizing airlines—whether for inter-island or international travel—should be standardized so that no single airline is favored.

Toves stated these are some of the things that he wishes to follow through if the Senate confirms him to the CPA board.

As of publication, Toves said they could finally establish a quorum for the CPA board, which includes King-Hinds, chair Jose Lifofoi, Thomas "Kiyu" Villagomez, Roman Tudela Sr., and Pete P. Reyes.

Tudela, Reyes, and King-Hinds all supported the nomination of Toves, who has served the board as a member since 2008.

CPA executive director Chris Tenorio, CPA deputy director Ed Mendiola, Port manager Ronny Taisacan, and Rep. Joseph "Lee Pan" Guerrero (R-Saipan) also supported Toves' nomination.



## Kaipat: We need to teach tourists to take care of our environment

A former representative and assistant attorney general, in her public hearing to serve in the Marianas Visitors Authority board, said that educating tourists to care for the CNMI environment needs to remain a priority.

Cinta Kaipat, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' nominee to the MVA board of directors, believes that cooperation is key to ensure tourist safety and environmental conservation.

Kaipat, in an interview yesterday after her public hearing held by the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigations chaired by Sen. Francisco Cruz (R-Tinian), said that cooperation might be achieved with airlines to play educational videos so that tourists may be informed of what to do and what not to do on the beaches and on the streets.

"We must protect our environment and offer them the best of our coral reefs and beaches. We need to involve everyone in this," she said.

"My concern is the tourists that come here and drive and endanger the lives of our community, so we need to work with the tour operators, the Department of Public Safety—everyone to ensure safety," she said, adding that there is so much to improve on.

"I [believe] that if we just take things one at a time and address them fully [instead of] pointing fingers... we can come together in a desire to come up with solutions," she added.

Kaipat has been previously appointed to the Parole Review Board and the Historic Preservations Review board under the late former governor Pedro "Teno" P. Tenorio and another term under former governor Juan N. Babauta. Kaipat also served as a member to the Criminal Justice Planning Agency board during former governor Benigno Fitial's tenure as well as served as a representative during the 15th Legislature. *(Erwin Encinares)*

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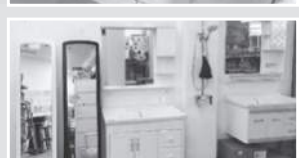
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## DPL will continue to be transparent in management of public lands

The Department of Public Lands would like to inform the public of a matter with one of its lessees, A&M Corporation, which has received public attention in the recent weeks.

DPL is responsible for executing, monitoring, and collecting on all leases and permits on public lands in the CNMI. DPL upholds this responsibility to the furthest extent possible. In March 2018, DPL began billing all delinquent accounts. Delinquent accounts are those defined as being in arrears with DPL in excess of 90 days. As of June 30, 2018, DPL collected close to \$400,000 from all outstanding accounts.

DPL's records show that the on Dec. 14, 1990, Jose I. Guerrero, chairman of the Marianas Public Lands Corp., predecessor of DPL, and Arnold Palacios, entered into a 25-year lease agreement for Lot No. 057 E 05, containing an area of 2,813 square meters, in Lower Base, Saipan. The purpose of this lease was to operate a warehouse, maintenance and repair shop, carpentry shop, management office, and other related activities. This lease was amended on April 28, 1992, to reflect an updated appraisal.

On Aug. 18, 1992, A&M submitted a written request to MPLC to lease the adjoining public lands in Lower Base, Lot No. 057 E 15, containing an area of 1,718 square meters and Lot No. 057 E 29, containing an area of 2,072 square meters (adjoining lots), a combined area of 3,790 square meters. A&M requested that MPLC amend the lease to include these two (2) lots with one (1) expiration date instead

of executing an additional, separate lease. On Nov. 22, 1992, MPLC approved A&M's request to lease the adjoining lots described above. The lease, however, was not amended to include the adjoining lots until Oct. 31, 2014.

Because of the language contained in the amended lease, DPL retroactively and inadvertently assessed the lease rentals for the additional properties containing a combined area of 6,573 square meters to take effect on Nov. 30, 1992. A&M did not possess the adjoining lots in 1992 but was charged. A&M's ledger reflects consistent payments for the property in the original lease, Lot No. 057 E 05. It was not until 2014 that A&M was aware that DPL was charging for the adjoining lots, retrospectively, despite A&M not having signed approval until 2014 by then DPL secretary, Pete A. Tenorio. A&M disputed the billing on Nov. 20, 2014 for the adjoining lots and even further memorialized their position in a letter to DPL dated Nov. 25, 2014. DPL's records reflect numerous meetings and email correspondence in between A&M and DPL since that time.

In the case of A&M, DPL acknowledges that the unintended circumstance led to delays and disputes in regards to the amended lease. The purpose of the amendment was to include the adjoining lots on public land (Lot No. 057 E 15 and Lot No. 057 E 29) to be part of the original lease. Although the document was signed in 2014, the effective date caused an assessment in lease rental fees dating back to 1992, the date it was first approved by MPLC. DPL

recognized that the intent of A&M was to honor the approval of MPLC to lease the adjoining public lands—not to assess the lease rental retroactively. In short, DPL inadvertently billed A&M retrospectively for Lot No. 057 E 15 and Lot No. 057 E 29 since 1992 when A&M did not have a lease for these lots until 2014.

In a letter to DPL dated Feb. 23, 2016, the lessee requested to recall the amended lease for further revision, as the disputes raised were not immediately resolved. DPL had numerous internal meetings between legal counsel, and the divisions of Compliance and Finance from 2016 to present. On June 8, 2018, DPL's Legal Counsel agreed that DPL will charge A&M for the related use of the adjacent properties as described in the second amendment, prospectively, from the date it was executed in 2014. This guidance affirmed that DPL can correct the ledger and only charge A&M for Lot 057 E 05 since 1990 to present and Lot No. 057 E 15 and Lot No. 057 E 29 from 2014 to present. Therefore, DPL corrected A&M's ledger. DPL is now proceeding with a promissory note to allow the lessee to make payments at a fixed rate for a period of five years. This is a very common resolution offered to DPL's clients who have outstanding arrearages. A&M is not the first lessee to be given this option. This is a business practice that is consistent with past leases and ensures that DPL collects on arrearages in a way that is still affordable to the client and prevents further arrears from becoming delin-

quent and uncollectible.

The information that DPL waived a debt is unfounded because it was not a debt in the first place. DPL cannot bill a client for land that has not been possessed. DPL assures the public most especially the beneficiaries of public lands, people of Northern Marianas descent, that DPL remains committed to resolve all outstanding compliance-related matters. The circumstance of this lease is no exception.

To view a listing of all public land leases as of Dec. 31, 2017, visit DPL's website. The published 2017 Annual Report has this information in more detail. A copy can also be picked up at DPL's office. A listing of requirements to lease public land is available at [www.dpl.gov.mp](http://www.dpl.gov.mp). It is important to note that as a basis for calculation, a potential investor who intends to lease public lands is required to acquire a land appraisal for the desired public land parcel. Additionally, executed leases require updated land appraisals every 10 years. DPL uses land appraisals as a basis for determining rent. A form of additional rent is derived from the collecting a percentage of business gross receipts (BGR) which is required from all public land leases. The more the company makes on public lands, the higher the rent is in the form of collections based on a percentage of BGR. Land appraisals are performed by a third-party certified appraiser, which is then forwarded to DPL for review, for acceptance or rejection. DPL ensures that all leases are in compliance with lease provisions and work to

resolve those leases that are not in compliance.

It is important to note that DPL has made great progress since this administration took office to effectively fulfill its fiduciary duty to manage our public lands and to protect them for the benefit of our people of Northern Marianas descent. Under the leadership of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, DPL initiated a more effective system to enforce noncompliant leases, while also ensuring that the use of our land is planned out accordingly. This is why it was made a priority to initiate the first update to the CNMI Comprehensive Land Use Plan since 1989. The department has also committed additional plans for homestead lots so that applicants who have waited patiently for decades through past administrations.

DPL welcomes any questions or inquiries regarding its programs and has a dedicated staff available to address any concerns.

For more information about DPL's leasing requirements and for update information, please log onto [www.dpl.gov.mp](http://www.dpl.gov.mp) and [www.facebook.com/DPLCNMI](http://www.facebook.com/DPLCNMI). (PR)

## Coast Guard medevacs snorkeler from Molokini Crater off Maui

**HONOLULU**—Coast Guard Station Maui crews evacuated a snorkeler requiring medical assistance near Molokini Crater, Tuesday.

A Station Maui 45-foot Response Boat-Medium crew along with a paramedic from the American Medical Association Medic 15 rendered assistance.

At 9:25 a.m. Station Maui watchstanders received a request from the master of the 53-foot passenger vessel Lani Kai for assistance regarding a 69-year-old man experiencing pain in both arms while snorkeling near Molokini Crater.

Once on scene, the paramedic assessed the snorkeler's condition and recommended a medevac, which was concurred with by a Coast Guard duty flight surgeon.

The patient was transferred to the RB-M and brought to awaiting emergency services on shore who transported him to Maui Memorial Medical Center.

"We work closely with our emergency service partners to get visitors and waterway users to a higher level of medical care as quickly as possible," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Grant Hadley, a boatswain's mate at the station.

The weather at the time of the medevac was 2-foot seas with light and variable winds. (PR)



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FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Debra Lynn Tenorio Camacho, seventh from right, poses with family members, friends, and supporters after she filed her candidacy for the Saipan and the Northern Islands Municipal Council yesterday afternoon at the Commonwealth Election Commission in Susupe.

## IPI legal dept manager, former cop file candidacies

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REPORTER

Imperial Pacific International legal department manager Debra Lynn Tenorio Camacho filed yesterday her candidacy as a non-partisan for the Saipan and the Northern Islands Municipal Council.

Camacho, a retired government employee, was accompanied by her family members, committee-to-elect, and supporters at the Commonwealth Election Commission in Susupe at 3:30pm.

Camacho, in an interview, said being born and raised on Saipan, she always had the passion to serve the community.

The Dandan resident said she believes the municipal council is a steppingstone for her future as a public servant.

"I hope that the people will give me the opportunity to serve our community most especially Saipan and the Northern Islands," she said.

Camacho said she wants to be the voice on how the community and the economic growth is going on in the CNMI.

She said one of the first goals that she would like to

see if elected, is to really understand where the CNMI is right now in the municipality level and how to address the community as a whole.

"I hope that stepping in there I can be more of an asset and a voice really in finding direction as a whole," she said.

Camacho is the second to file her candidacy for the Saipan and the Northern Islands Municipal Council.

Three positions are up for grabs at the Nov. 6 election.

Meanwhile, former police officer Joseph Arriola Flores also filed his candidacy as an independent for House of Representatives under precinct 1.

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## Bird Island Beach is red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged Bird Island Beach and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (PR)

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# Jessie Borja objects to Gelpi's use of word territory for CNMI

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Former lieutenant governor Jesus "Jessie" C. Borja took exception to U.S. District Court in Puerto Rico Chief Judge Gustavo A. Gelpi's use of the word territory for the



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

U.S. District Court in Puerto Rico Chief Judge Gustavo A. Gelpi discusses the constitutional rights of U.S. territories as retired CNMI chief justice Jose S. Dela Cruz listens during his presentation at the American Memorial Park visitors center theater last Friday night.

Commonwealth.

"I don't think we are a territory as that term defines in the U.S. Constitution," Borja said at the question-and-answer portion during Gelpi's presentation on U.S. constitutional rights in the territories and the CNMI held last week at the American Memorial Park visitors center theater.

Borja said the territorial clause, as former CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Jose S. Dela Cruz stated, provides for plenary powers of the U.S. Congress over the CNMI.

"And I submit that it [territorial clause] doesn't have the plenary powers," the former lieutenant governor said.

Borja is a lawyer and a retired CNMI Supreme Court associate justice.

The Territorial Clause states

that, "the Congress shall have power to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States."

In his presentation, Gelpi stated that the CNMI, the Mariana Islands, became a territory.

"I have to use the word territory because you need the Territorial Clause to acquire territory," Gelpi pointed out.

He said the CNMI was not a territory like Puerto Rico acquired as far as the war is concerned, but it was a territory similar to Hawaii.

He said Hawaii, which has a long history, voluntarily chose to become a territory.

Gelpi said the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands decided to become separate independent

nations and have treaties with the U.S. and don't have international representations.

"The CNMI says 'no I want to be part of the United States, but I want a different agreement.' So it reaches the commonwealth agreement. Very similar to Puerto Rico," Gelpi said.

In response to Gelpi's presentation, Borja said with respect to the slide that Gelpi showed about the congressional report, he agrees with what it states, but disagrees with its conclusion.

"Because it states in the report itself the exceptions to the plenary powers of U.S. Congress. And those exceptions are stated in our Covenant. And because of that we are not a territory. Because it doesn't have plenary powers," he said.

Gelpi replied that in principle Borja is correct.

"I understand that what you are saying... the intent of the creation of the Commonwealth. But the Ninth Circuit, don't blame me, blame [it] on the Ninth Circuit, the Ninth Circuit is the one who created all the issues about the territory," Gelpi said.

"In a lot of cases it is the one who said [it] under the Territorial Clause. But you have the Covenant, you have the Covenant. So that is the problem," he said.

Gelpi said he is not saying that Borja is wrong, but that there's a case at least with the Ninth Circuit saying that the Territorial Clause applies.

"But then you limit the Territorial Clause by the Covenant," Gelpi said.

Gelpi said Borja's exception is duly noted and that he believes that the former lieutenant governor made a very good point.

Gelpi's presentation was made possible by funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, through a grant awarded from the Northern Marianas Humanities Council.



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## March payment of \$14,820 to Settlement Trustee OK'd

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood has approved the payment of \$14,820 to the Settlement Fund trustee for professional services and expenses incurred during the month of March 2018.

Tydingco-Gatewood said she has reviewed the invoice and finds the request for compensation and reimbursement of expenses to be reasonable.

Tydingco-Gatewood expressed satisfaction with the work performed by Trustee principal representative Joyce C. H. Tang.

Accordingly, the judge ordered the Settlement Fund

to pay the Trustee \$13,405, which represents 90 percent of the Trustee's professional fees and all expenses incurred last March.

She further ordered the Settlement Fund to hold in trust to

the credit of the Trustee the sum of \$1,415, which represents 10 percent of the Trustee's professional fees for that month.

The Trustee, the judge said, may petition for release of the 10 percent retainer on a quarterly basis, subject to the court's satisfaction of the Trustee's

work and any objections to the compensation requests.

The Trustee requested for payment of \$14,157.50 in professional services and \$663.48 in expenses for that period, or for a total invoice amount of \$14,820.98. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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# Kilili announces \$5.3M for education

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) announced two major grants of federal funds for the Commonwealth provided by U.S. Congress through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

"The first grant is \$4,839,486," Sablan said. "The money is specifically to assist in providing an appropriate education to all children in the Marianas, ages 3 to 21, with disabilities."

"The second grant is \$476,624. These funds are for early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities up to age 3 and to their families."

Sablan is a senior member

of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, which has responsibility for the Individuals with Disabilities Act.

"Providing services to children with disabilities is so important, both to the children and to society at large. The more we can help those children reach their full potential the more fulfilled their lives will be and the more they will be able to contribute fully to the life of our islands. And, of course, the earlier we can start helping, the better the success rate."

"Yet, Congress has not authorized the IDEA since 2004," Sablan added.

"I certainly hope that in

the next Congress—with a change in leadership—we can take on this long-overdue project and bring the IDEA up-to-date for the children, their families, and the communities they live in."

In 2015, Sablan was able to include a change in the funding formula for island schools with a high number of students from low-income households,

when the Elementary and Secondary Education Act was reauthorized. Sablan's change boosted the funding for PSS this year to \$11.5 million. And that change now continues year-after-year.

The IDEA grant for children ages 3 to 21 is used by the Public School System to identify and evaluate all children with disabilities, regardless of

the severity of their disability, to determine which children are eligible for special education and related services. The law requires that each child receiving services have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) that spells out the specific special education and related services to be provided to meet his or her needs.

The grant for younger chil-

dren focuses on providing services to children who are experiencing or have a high probability of experiencing "developmental delay" with respect to physical, mental, or other capacities. Each child and their family receive an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). The plan is ideally carried out in "natural environments," including the home, with other infants and toddlers who are not disabled. (PR)

## OPR issues decision on pretrial diversion complaint

Shawn N. Anderson, United States Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, announced that the Office of Professional Responsibility for the United States Department of Justice has concluded an inquiry into the pretrial diversion practices of the United States Attorney's Office in the District Court of Guam. The OPR inquiry "revealed no evidence" that the pretrial diversion decisions of the office involved any prohibited or inappropriate factors.

The inquiry was initiated by the District Court of Guam during sentencing proceedings for two Chinese nationals in United States v. Lu et al., No. 17-CR-00041 (D. Guam). The

defendants had been arrested after arriving in Guam from Los Angeles with over 118 counterfeit credit cards from foreign banks. The defendants were charged with Possession of Fifteen or More Counterfeit or Unauthorized Access Devices, in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 1029(a)(3), a Class C felony. The court questioned the applicability of pretrial diversion for the defendants. Diversion is an alternative to criminal prosecution that enables certain offenders to avoid traditional criminal proceedings in favor of a program of supervision and services administered by United States Probation and Pretrial Services. If the program is successfully completed, the charges against a defendant

are dismissed. The U.S. Attorney declined to offer pretrial diversion in the matters before the District Court.

In February 2018, the court announced that it would request the Department of Justice to investigate whether there was "disparate treatment" by the U.S. Attorney's Office in its handling of pretrial diversion offers. OPR reviewed the Court's concerns and the relevant pretrial diversion decisions against the limits on prosecutorial discretion set forth in the Department's United States Attorneys' Manual Section 9-27.260, which prohibits prosecutors from taking into consideration a "person's race, religion, gender, ethnicity, national origin,

sexual orientation, or political association, activities, or beliefs." OPR found no evidence of unethical conduct.

Anderson states, "We appreciated the opportunity to fully cooperate with OPR and respond to the court's concerns. Prosecutorial discretion, which includes the decision on whether pretrial diversion is appropriate in any given case, has an important function in the criminal justice system. The U.S. Attorney's Office respects the limitations on its discretion and routinely relies on the Department of Justice's guidelines in making diversion decisions. Our office will continue to consider criminal offenders for this type of disposition on a case-by-case basis." (PR)


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- One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "ITB18-COTA/FTA-105" to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP no later than **09:30 a.m., local time, August 06, 2018.**
- Firms submitting bids from outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bid by submitting a "Notice of Intent to Bid" to the Director of Procurement and Supply and may be faxed to (670) 664-1515 or emailed to [procurement@cnmidof.net](mailto:procurement@cnmidof.net) no later than **09:30 a.m., local time, August 06, 2018.**
- For bidders located outside the CNMI, a package containing one (1) original and four (4) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **August 06, 2018** AND the bid documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply 1301, Saipan, MP by **August 14, 2018**. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.
- Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Saipan, MP at **09:30 a.m., local time, August 16, 2018**. However, if no Notice of Intent Bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **09:30 a.m., local time, August 06, 2018.**

/S/ ALFREDA P. CAMACHO  
S/A FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR, P&S



**COMMUNITY BRIEFS****NMHC voucher program list to open July 23**

Pursuant to Section 5.1[1] of the Northern Marianas Housing Corp.'s Section 8 Administrative Plan, this is to inform the general public that NMHC is opening its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program's (HCVP) waiting list starting July 23, 2018. The waitlist will remain open until it reaches its maximum number of applicants. Interested families may pick up an application at the NMHC Main Office on Saipan or the Field Offices on Tinian and Rota, or visit our website at [www.nmh.gov.net](http://www.nmh.gov.net) to download an application. Please submit your application in person at the NMHC Main Office on Saipan or the Field Offices on Tinian and Rota, from Monday through Friday (except holidays) between 8am and 4pm. NMHC is not accepting on-line submission of applications as of this time.

- NMHC Main Office Monday-Friday 8am-4pm
- Tinian Field Office Monday-Friday 8am-4pm
- Rota Field Office Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

NMHC Housing Specialists will review the applications and formally contact applicants to schedule an eligibility appointment. For more information, please contact NMHC at telephone numbers 234-6866 or 234-9446 (Saipan), 433-9213 (Tinian), or 532-9410 (Rota).

**Int'l Festival of Cultures call for representatives**

Representatives of all cultures in The Marianas are invited to a meeting today, July 13, to plan for this year's International Festival of Cultures. Festival dates and other matters will be discussed. The meeting will be held at 2pm at the Marianas Visitors Authority office on Beach Road, San Jose. For more information, contact MVA Community Projects Coordinator Demalyn Pagarao at [dpagarao@mymarianas.com](mailto:dpagarao@mymarianas.com) or 664-3219. (PR)

**VA direct loan program outreach on July 24**

The Northern Marianas Housing Corp., in collaboration with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, will be conducting outreach services regarding VA Native American Direct Loan Program for all the CNMI veterans.

A representative from the Department of Veterans Office will be present to answer any questions regarding the program. The outreach will be held on July 24, 2018, at the NMHC Conference Room in Garapan, Saipan from 8am to 11:30am.

For more information you may contact the NMHC Mortgage and Credit Division staff at (670)234-6866/9447/7670 or you may email Cherie Castanares, VA representative, at [cherie.castanares@va.gov](mailto:cherie.castanares@va.gov) or contact her at (808)433-0483. (PR)

**Release of PH passports announced**

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam, in coordination with the Office of Honorary Consul Eli Arago, has announced the release of Philippine passports to those who renewed their passports on May 21, 22, and 23, 2018. You can pick up your passports at Finasisu Terraces Apartment Bldg D, 2nd Floor, top of the Mini-

Mart Store, Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm (12pm-1pm break time).

Bring old passport and receipt. For any inquiries or details, call Mel Santos at 233-6293. (PR)

**Saipan Agricultural Fair on Aug. 4**

Saipan Agricultural Fair Association is pleased to inform the community that the 35th Saipan Agricultural Fair will take place on Aug. 4, 2018, 9am-2pm at the Civic Center, Susupe.

Rulebook and pre-registration forms (fees apply) for the adult plant and animal competitions are available at the Department of Lands Natural Resources offices in Kagman and Lower Base, Office of Animal Health Services, the Garapan Public Market, and Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research and Extension Education Services, Building F. Rule Book and Pre-registration forms for the Youth Division are available at the NMC-CREES Main Office, Building F.

Deadline to submit the pre-registration forms is July 20, 2018. Proclamation signing for this event is on July 30, 2018 at 10am at the Governor's Office Conference Room, Capital Hill. Farmers, ranchers, and the general public are encouraged to attend.

Please see below for contact information:

- Plant Division: Joshua Santos, 256-3319

- Animal Division: Juan Taman, 234-6169

- Youth Division: Lorenza Aldan, 237-6876

- Vendors Division: Tina DLG Camacho, 256-3319. (PR)

**Witnesses host convention**

The public is invited to attend a free annual event being hosted by Jehovah's Witnesses on the weekend of July 13-15 at their Kingdom Hall in Gualo Rai. With the theme "Be Courageous!" this year's convention will focus on practical ways to enjoy a happy life now and have a real hope for the future.

Among the convention's 54 presentations will be Bible-based talks, audio dramas, interviews and short videos. A multimedia presentation will demonstrate what real people—and even five animals—can teach us about courage.

A Sunday morning public discourse will explain why Jesus told a grieving father: "Have no fear." (Mark 5:36) And those in attendance Sunday Afternoon will see Jonah get Swallowed by a fish in the feature film: "The Story of Jonah—A Lesson in Courage and Mercy."

Sessions begin each day at 9:20am. Admission is free and collections will not be taken.

For more information, visit the website: [jw.org](http://jw.org). (PR)

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# CNMI gets \$2.5M in technical, maintenance assistance from OIA

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres announced Wednesday that a total of \$2,526,006 in technical and maintenance assistance has been awarded to the CNMI for fiscal year 2018 from the Department of Interior Office of Insular Affairs.

"This is welcome news for our community as these projects will provide even stronger support for many of our critical priorities. These projects address key areas such as infrastructure, substance abuse and rehabilitation, healthcare, medical referral, agriculture, and the environment. I thank

Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, Assistant Secretary Doug Domenech, our Grants Management team led by its administrator Epi Cabrera Jr., and all our departments that worked collaboratively to push these project proposals forward," Torres said.

CNMI Office of Grants Management and State Clearinghouse administrator Epi phanio E. Cabrera Jr. said the grant awards address crucial programs that benefit the community as a whole.

"We are extremely grateful for the FY18 Technical Assistance Program/Maintenance Assistance Program grant awards. Altogether, the CNMI was generously awarded funding for several crucial programs. This grant cycle, we encompassed quite a few areas in need of funding—from environmental, healthcare, agriculture, transportation, substance abuse treatment, child support, and public works. I want to personally thank the various public offices and officials for collaborating diligently with the OGM Team to provide the necessary technical information, input, and support. I would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, Assistant Sec-

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retary for Insular and International Affairs Douglas W. Domenech, and OIA Director Nikolao Pula," Cabrera added.

Through the OIA Technical Assistance Program (TAP), Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas and International Affairs Douglas W. Domenech awarded for the following projects:

■ \$363,465 to the Department of Public Works (DPW) for the Zero Waste Initiative: An Island Composting Program. The composting program aims to reduce the burden placed on the Marpi Landfill by diverting green waste, yard waste, and food scraps into organic matter that will eventually be decomposed, recycled and eventually used as a fertilizer and soil amendment.

■ \$357,966 to DPW for the Recycling Redemption Facility Revitalization Program. The Recycling Redemption Program aims to streamline the capabilities of the government-run recycling facility to include the redemption of alu-

minum cans and the recycling of rubber tires off-island on all the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. With the funding assistance, the Department of Public Works will be able to receive recyclables, pay out for the recyclable materials, process them for shipping, and barge them to vendors that will accept and prepare them for further recycling, scrap-ping and/or manufacturing. The program will escalate the islands' recycling capabilities and jumpstart further action for a more sustainable future.

■ \$297,077 to the Office of Substance Abuse and Drug Rehabilitation for a Rehabilitation Psychologist. The Rehabilitation Psychologist shall assist with the organization and management of rehabilitation programs, public-education campaigns, and therapy sessions for people struggling with substance abuse at the Hinemlu O'hala Para Enteramenti (HOPE) Recovery Center of the Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation Program under

the Office of the Governor.

■ \$250,000 to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to upgrade the CHCC Electronic Health Record software.

■ \$210,000 to CHCC to upgrade its medical equipment in the Labor and Delivery Ward.

■ \$172,949 to the Rota Mayor's Office for the Rota Aquaponics Initiative – Phase II. An expansion to the already-running aquaponics program is long overdue. The project will include the introduction of additional vegetable varieties and varying aquatic life and program amenities to enhance the program's sustainability.

■ \$79,921 to DPW for the Floodplain Software & System Acquisition. The Aeronautical Reconnaissance Coverage Geographic Information System (ArcGIS) program software is a program that can be used for the creation and management of geographic data. The funding assistance will also be used to provide training for personnel to familiar themselves with the specialized program.

■ \$77,685 to the CNMI Medical Referral Office for the acquisition of a Retrofitted Wheelchair Accessible Van. A retrofitted wheelchair accessible van to be used by the CNMI Guam Medical Referral Service Office for the transport of CNMI patients receiving medical treatment and care on Guam.

■ \$68,472 to the CNMI Medical Referral Office for a Utilization Review Nurse for CNMI Medical Referral Office. The CNMI has been paying excessive amounts in

patient care services for some time. The services provided by the Utilization Review Nurse shall safeguard the CNMI from paying excessive charges for patient care services.

■ \$60,365 to the Office of the Public Auditor for its Continuing Professional Development Training.

■ \$49,699 for the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA) Bus Route for Team Professional Development.

■ \$26,050 to the Office of the Attorney General for Child Support Guidelines.

■ \$215,680 for the Automated Passport Control Units Acquisition project. Additional Automated Passport Control (APC) units will be procured and stationed at the Francisco C. Ada Saipan International Airport to ensure that travelers are able to clear United States Customs and Border Protection formalities quickly and securely. The addition of the APC units would greatly reduce the waiting times for incoming passengers.

Through the OIA Maintenance Assistance Program (MAP), the following projects were awarded:

■ \$213,232 to DPW Roads & Grounds Division for the Heavy Equipment Motor Grader Acquisition. The addition of the heavy equipment unit will improve the division's capacity to provide essential public services primarily in the maintenance of primary and secondary roads on the island Saipan.

■ \$83,445 to the Department of Lands and Natural Resources for the Ma'afala Breadfruit Initiative Tractor Acquisition. With approximately 40,000 square meters of agricultural space and over a thousand seedlings to nourish, CNMI Ma'afala Breadfruit Initiative Program will utilize the tractor in the cultivation and maintenance of the landscape located at Kagman—Saipan.

Several projects are still under review including the CNMI Invasive Species Coordination and the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle.

Cabrera added that the next step is to ensure that these projects achieve its goal effectively and efficiently.

"Now, we look forward to working with the agencies for the effective and efficient carrying out of the objectives laid out in the respective grants. Some of our office's goals are to create economic opportunities, promote government efficiency, and improve the quality of life for the people of the CNMI. We believe that these grants will inevitably achieve these goals." (PR)

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**BANK OF GUAM,**  
Plaintiff,  
  
vs.  
**JOSEPH O. TAITANO and  
DEBORAH DLG. TAITANO,**  
Defendants.

Civil Action  
No. 16-0154  
  
**NOTICE OF AUCTION  
ON THE MORTGAGED  
PROPERTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 18th day of May, 2018, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being in As Lito on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot 361-2-2.

Lot 361-2-2 (formerly part of Lot 361, TD 122), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2031/01, the original of which was recorded 02 March 2004 as Document No. 04-457 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. **Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

- withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
- to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
- to reject any and all bids.

2. **Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758 CK Saipan, MP 96950 or Email: [rttlaw@pticom.com](mailto:rttlaw@pticom.com).

3. **Deposit and Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in the property will revert to Bank of Guam.

4. **Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 06<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-18-026

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE A BASIC LINEMAN TRAINING PROGRAM

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to provide a basic lineman training program for CUC, Power Transmission & Distribution Division.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set.

**One (1) original and five (5) hard copies**, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-18-026, Basic Lineman Training Program"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **August 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 31, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Lee Lieto, Power T&D Manager, via email address [lee.lieto@cucgov.org](mailto:lee.lieto@cucgov.org), Roger Madiaga, Human Resource Training Coordinator, via email address [roger.madiaga@cucgov.org](mailto:roger.madiaga@cucgov.org) and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address [marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Bank of Guam, ) **CIVIL ACTION**  
Plaintiff, ) **NO.: 15-0085T**  
)  
vs. ) **NOTICE OF HEARING**  
) **ON PLAINTIFF'S**  
Joaquin M. Castro, ) **MOTION FOR**  
Defendant ) **DEFAULT JUDGMENT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 20, 2018, at 9:00 am, a hearing will be held before Judge Govendo on Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment in the above-captioned matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, *Guma Hustisia*, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 27th day of June, 2018.

/s/ Clerk of Court/  
Deputy Clerk



# Bordallo announces \$15.6M for Guam children with disabilities

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo announced \$15.6 million for Guam’s students and youngsters with developmental disabilities, awarded by the U.S. Department of Education. This federal funding will help the Guam Department of Education provide the necessary in-school services and accommodations for students with developmental disabilities, including those with learning disabilities. This new federal funding award will also support infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities and their families.

Each year, Bordallo works to safeguard Guam’s share of federal funding from the U.S. Department of Education, awarded under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. This funding provides essential federal support and services for our island’s students with developmental disabilities and their families that they would not otherwise receive, given Gov-Guam’s budgetary constraints.

“Our special needs students have the same right to public education as their peers. I am pleased to announce this much-needed federal funding, so that our island’s K-12 students and youngsters with developmental disabilities get the support they deserve,” said Bordallo.

“As the daughter of a

schoolteacher, the education of our island’s next generation, including those with disabilities, remains a high priority for me, as it should be for all of Guam’s elected officials. In addition to this recent \$15.6 million award, I continue working to secure additional federal funding to address GDOE’s budget challenges,” she added. (PR)

## UOG CEDDERS program awarded \$2.735M federal grant

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo today announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded the University of Guam Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research & Service \$2,735,000 in federal grant assistance to address the needs of Guam’s individuals with developmental disabilities. The award is for a five-year period, providing UOG CEDDERS with \$547,000 annually.

The UOG CEDDERS program has been recognized as a Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities for 25 years. UOG CEDDERS is focused on building pathways for individuals with disabilities and their families by providing training, services, support, and research to our island community.

The five-year grant will allow UOG CEDDERS to address quality assurance, assistive technology, and early intervention and education for the developmental disability community on Guam, with emphasis on the culturally and linguistically diverse background of our people.

“UOG CEDDERS provides an invaluable service to our community by advancing the needs of those with developmental disabilities and their families. I have been proud to support UOG CEDDERS in its efforts to obtain this federal grant and provide a full range of services to our community. This grant will allow UOG CEDDERS to continue its important work on Guam, and I look forward to seeing the federal funding benefit our island.” (PR)

U.S. Department of Education Program	FY2018 Award	FY2017 Award
IDEA Part B (All K-12 Children with Disabilities)	\$14,120,991	\$14,120,991
IDEA Part C (Infants/Toddlers with Disabilities)	\$1,520,218	\$1,489,809
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,641,209</b>	<b>\$15,610,800</b>



**RECOGNITION** A plaque of recognition was presented to Rota DPS resident director Eusebio M. Manglona for his services as a DEA Drug Task Force officer. In the photo with Manglona, Rota Mayor Efrain Atalig, Attorney General Edward Manibusan, Customs Service director Jose Mafnas, DEA resident agent Ed Talbot, Rota Division of Customs Service Captain Ted Manglona, and representatives from the Rota Division of Fish and Wildlife and DPS.

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(PARTS AND LABOR - SPLIT TYPE AIRCON)  
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4. Free wall bracket.  
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# Opinion

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### EDITORIAL

## These judges are right: Trump should work with Congress on immigration

Donald Trump's resounding victory in the 2016 presidential election came at least in part because the New York businessman grasped the disconnect between how millions of Americans and the political establishments of both parties felt about immigration. Instead of supporting comprehensive reform, these Americans want new restrictions and strict enforcement of existing laws. This seems like common sense to some, misguided nationalism to others and blatant racism to still others.

But whatever camp you're in, there should be agreement on this: The Trump administration needs to get its act together on immigration. Three federal courts in California this week have shown that instead of the president playing to his base with showy gestures, his goal should be working with Congress to come up with coherent policies.

On Monday, Los Angeles-based U.S. District Judge Dolly M. Gee rejected virtually every argument put forward by Attorney General Jeff Sessions and the Justice Department that sought to modify a 1997 consent decree that requires children detained on immigration grounds to be transferred to licensed care programs within 20 days. Sessions argued that long-term confinement was essential to keeping families from being separated when parents are detained for alleged immigration violations.

The cynicism of this argument is hard to exaggerate. The Trump administration this spring changed its policies on border apprehension to require that children be separated from their parents when families are detained at the border. Now the president and the attorney general pretend they want to prevent these separations?

The falsity of this purported compassion was shown Tuesday in San Diego. U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw ordered the federal government to hurry up and meet deadlines he had previously set for reunifying detained children and their parents. Sabraw ruled last month that Trump's "zero tolerance," automatic-arrest policy at the border denied due process to asylum seekers and led to "a chaotic circumstance of the government's own making."

The scattershot nature of the administration's immigration policies was also underlined Monday by Sacramento-based U.S. District Judge John Mendez, who upheld his preliminary ruling that two state laws and part of a third passed by the Legislature in response to the Trump administration's immigration crackdown are legal. One allows the state to inspect federal detention facilities; another limits how much local and state law enforcement authorities can cooperate with federal immigration officials. Mendez found the former law did little more than restate existing laws and that the latter law was acceptable because refusing to help

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## Of colossal freed

There's a standing order from local GOP leadership to avoid talking about the 80 percent or else villagers may find out about it before November.

Appalling the Johnny-Come-Lately reaction from a self-inflicted placement of an A-bomb equivalent explosive on the campaign trail. And they did the royal thing too: walk right into the beast!

But then it's a village mouthwash now, you know, the 80 percent salary increase padding their wallets. They approved it then wanted to deny it when the cat is already out of the bag, so to speak. In their rush they even ignored common sense!

The most egregious aspect of the decision is the open trashing of more than 14,000 employees literally struggling in familial hardship stuck in poverty and below income levels. Is this cause for political arrogance and greed?

**Elite:** But you rendered a difference of \$30,000 between the lowest paid civil servant and your new salary as elected elite. So therein also is established a two-tiered pay system: elected elite and non-elite!

**Gone:** The 5 percent breadcrumbs you hurled against civil servants didn't even land in their pockets. The increase in gasoline and utilities gobbled it up before it made it home. Notice the difference of 75 percent where you padded your wallets hoping we won't see the inequality in income so wide apart?

**Guvuna:** Raffy must justify the 80 percent salary increase approved by his Republican colleagues to pad their wallets. A miracle PR work is needed to ease this mess if at all. How do you convince 14-thousand plus civil servants that the five percent trash you gave them is enough to meet family needs?

**Choir:** If anything, it's a bad season to be an incumbent Republican. Nah! The music is completely out of tune and no matter how hard you try it would still remain discordant. The NMI needs an entirely new choir!

**Shortfall:** Reportedly, both lone public hospitals in Guam and the NMI have serious fiscal issues: GMH \$67 million, CHC some \$13 million.

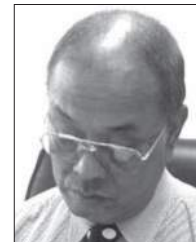
The Guam Legislature is out to approve a measure to cover a portion of the fiscal shortfall while the NMI legislature is still dazed, talking.

Both hospitals is the "go to" health facility in the two jurisdictions. A dire situation though I'm optimistic money would be found to ensure they stay afloat. It's a serious issue and there's no time for empty posturing either.

**Commitment:** "A nagging anxiety is coursing through the region that Washington lacks a coherent long-term strategy for countering what many in Asia fear is an era of increasing Chi-

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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nese economic dominance and military expansionism."

"People are concerned that as China rises, the U.S. won't continue to want to be present both militarily and economically," said Satu Limaye, a top analyst with the Hawaii-based East-West Center. It recently held a conference in Singapore that delved into America's future in the region and published in the *Washington Times*.

U.S. activity has been expanding, from President Obama's "pivot to Asia" right through Mr. Trump's increased concentration on China and North Korea over the past 18 months.

"But we've given mixed signals and people don't know how to read mixed signals," said Mr. Limaye, who heads the center's Washington office.

**Healthy:** The national economy is robust! In fact, there are more jobs today than there are people to fill them. It's a good sign where people get the opportunity to provide for their families on a healthy basis too.

Ours is suspiciously healthy but hardly robust. When you break down the so-called economic "improvement" to its common denominator you ask the single most vital question: did it improve the family income and quality of life of our people?

**Alternative:** We've stayed the course embracing whatever hits the sands of these isles in tourism. Fortunately, visitors from Japan, China, and other nearby destinations have fueled the fluctuating gains and losses of the industry.

Suffice it to say, have we done anything to develop complimentary sectors to support tourism here? This reminds one how the food stamps policy was established in ways that supports farming and fishing. Shouldn't the same policy be done to improve upon the two sectors tying it into the industry?

Now, is there such a thing as "overtourism?" I raised the question after reading an article of a certain beach in Thailand that had to be closed because there are simply too many tourists. It was standing room on the beach or shallow water. Can the island handle 30K visitors a day for several days? What if it happens?



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## A hedonic notion

“Hedonic” is a term that always catches my eye. It’s a spicy-sounding word that livens up the gray world of economics. Economics, my professors said, is a study of “hedonic” factors. This observation inspired smiles and chuckles among students. After all, we fancied ourselves experts on hedonism, and now we’re going to get academic credit for it.

Ah, those were the days. As for these days, whether you’re indulging your hedonic tastes as a consumer, or shrewdly exploiting those tastes as a business, I’ll mention a term I’ve been seeing lately. It’s “hedonic adaptation.”

The concept of hedonic adaptation is that people get bored with the familiar pleasures; they get used to them, or, in other words, adapted to them. Academic studies have looked into such things. Professors are being quoted with advice on how to stave off ho-hum routines by spicing them up with some novelty. One article, for example, suggested eating popcorn with chopsticks in order to make the snack more enjoyable. (This would, of course, assume that you’re not already in the habit of eating popcorn with chopsticks.)

I haven’t bothered to look up the actual studies on hedonic adaptation, but I’ll certainly buy the notion that the mass mind quickly gets bored with familiar things. As a result, it often craves novelty and, in particular, constant amusement. After all, the ancient observation about bread and circuses has earned cliché status for good reason. Meanwhile, modern technology delivers a constant stream of electronic novelties; you can put the circus in your pocket.

Although mass markets are driven by the mass mind, thus creating massive fortunes in the process, I don’t think that hedonic adaptation, or the resulting novelty-seeking, is a universal trait.

After all, there are always traditionalists out there, people who savor the experience of enjoying familiar things and familiar

rituals in familiar ways.

Upscale clothing stores and furniture stores, for example, are often based around traditional styles and wares. And expensive liquors are often regarded as products of generational custom; Grandfather’s favored brand of expensive Scotch may be on the shopping list for several subsequent generations. Here, continuity, not novelty, is part of the appeal.

Although it’s not a perfect means of division, you could probably take a rough cut at the consumer market by considering one camp as novelty-seekers and the other camp as traditionalists.

With that distinction in mind, based on my beach chair observations of the world at large, I’d say the novelty-seekers seem to live for the next moment; they enjoy the anticipation. Traditionalists, by contrast, are content to dwell in the current moment based on its own merits.

Even seasoned marketing experts can have a hard time juggling the traditional and the novel. An advertising executive who handled major automotive clients told me about one such situation. Here’s how he put it:

The suits at automotive headquarters preferred dignified, even slightly stodgy, ads, written by the most sophisticated minds in the business, in order to develop long-term cachet for the brand.

Meanwhile, the actual dealers preferred an ever-changing stream of locally-produced TV ads featuring lots of noise, colorful balloons or other bling, and guys in gorilla costumes jumping around.

I asked the executive who was right, the suits or the dealers. He just shrugged.

I still chuckle about that gorilla costume quip, and last year I did, indeed, see a giant inflatable gorilla at a car dealership. I guess some things never change. They just change scale.

One of the biggest follies in business history happened in

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1985. That’s when the Coca-Cola Company announced it was retiring its 99 year-old formula in favor of a newly-formulated “New Coke.” Hey, 99 years is a long time, so the market must have been aching for something with a fresh new taste, right?

Well, wrong. Coke’s customers freaked out. The company relented, and the normal, familiar, old stuff, labeled as “Classic” Coke, was soon back on the market. Apparently, even the mass market’s mind can have traditional inclinations.

As memorable as that event was (at least to codgers like me), I’ll admit that the novelty-seeking factor is the dominant force these days. In the age of high tech, where a new experience is just a screen-refresh away, hedonic adaptation looks like it’s on an accelerating treadmill. People can’t race through the present fast enough to get to the next moment. The next moment, however, merely becomes the present once it arrives, and so the mind races ahead once again.

This whole gig is going to get mighty wacky when people start discounting the present moment to the point where it has no value at all.

We’ll have to re-write the economics texts at that point. I’m ready for that. I sharpened my pencil, found my calculator, and I just got fitted for my new gorilla suit.

## MUSCLES IN BRUSSELS:

# President Trump vs. the Europeans’ double-crossing game

By **TIBERIU DIANU**

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

One of my favorite TV channels is Memorable Entertainment Television (MeTV) because of its reruns of American TV popular shows of the ’50s until the ’90s.

But what I watched on Fox News (FNC) live after 3am (9am Brussels time) on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, qualifies just as well as Memorable Entertainment Television. <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/07/11/trump-claims-germany-controlled-by-russia.html>

It was both surreal and fascinating. What am I talking about?

At the NATO Summit breakfast in Brussels, President Trump wasted no time in repeating his demands for European allies (and Canada) to spend more on defense, saying they should do so immediately. He opened his appearance at the breakfast with an attack on Germany, saying its gas deals with Moscow made it a “captive to Russia.” “Germany is captive of Russia because it is getting so much of its energy from Russia,” Trump said, referring to Berlin’s deal for the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline. “Everybody’s talking about it all over the world, they’re saying we’re paying you billions of dollars to protect you, but you’re paying billions of dollars to Russia,” emphasized the president. He added that “Germany is totally controlled by Russia.”

The president was referring to the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, which would bring gas from Russia to Germany’s northeastern Baltic coast, bypassing Poland and Ukraine, and doubling the amount of gas Russia can send directly to Germany. The project is opposed by the United States and a few others European Union members.

The president then repeated his wider accusations against the NATO members as a whole for failing to pay their dues. “On the top of that, Germany is just paying a little bit over of one percent, whereas the United States, in actual numbers, is paying 4.2 percent of a much larger GDP. So, I think that’s inappropriate also. We’re protecting Germany, we’re protecting France, we’re protecting everybody, and yet we’re paying a lot of money to protect. Now, this has been going on for decades. This has been brought up by other presidents, but other presidents never did anything about it, because I don’t think they understood it or they just didn’t want to get involved,” pointed out the president. He continued: “But I have to bring it up because I think it’s very unfair for our country, it’s very unfair to our taxpayers... I don’t think it’s fair to the United States. So, we’re going to have to do something because we’re not going to put up with it, we cannot put up with it, and it’s inappropriate,” concluded Trump.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg was caught off-guard and he pushed back softly, stressing that NATO members have been able to “work together despite their differences.”

Trump lashed back: “But how can you be together when a

rulings. Gee rapped “over 20 years of congressional inaction.” Mendez said the Constitution “demands” a legislative response.

Perhaps this is unrealistic. But even if Congress’ lethargy continues, Trump, Sessions and others in the administration should pursue a more sustainable course on immigration by recognizing the limits on what unilateral executive action can achieve. Adopting policies that violate established precedents and abandon due process may play well with Trump’s base. But if the policies don’t survive repeated legal scrutiny, it’s hard to see why they would be considered constructive — even by his admirers.

country is getting its energy from the person you want protection against or from the group that you want protection? You’re just making Russia richer... Explain that!”

Trump said as he arrived at the breakfast that the situation is “not fair to the taxpayers of the United States, but we will make it fair... They will spend more. I have great confidence they’ll be spending more,” he later predicted.

Here is the VIDEO that captures the moment of truth in all its dramatic unfolding:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QqjJvveODK>

President Donald Trump exposed in a spectacular way, in front of millions of home viewers, how the Europeans milk money from the United States for “protection against Russia,” while they give millions of dollars for getting supplied with oil and gas from the same, supposedly “enemy,” country.

Trump is not the first U.S. president who brings this up to the European allies. But he will be the first U.S. president who will definitely do something to fix this decade-long anomaly.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Not retiring

There was a recent report in the local paper that I have, or was about to, retire from my Saipan law firm and the practice of law on Saipan. I would like your readers to know I am not retiring, nor am I leaving the firm of O’Connor Berman Horey & Banes. I plan to continue practicing law in the Commonwealth for many years.

**Robert J. O’Connor**

Via email

## THESE

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immigration officials is not the same as impeding them.


Sessions challenged the laws in March, declaring that California was interfering with the federal government’s constitutionally guaranteed authority over immigration. So much for the conservative talking point that states’ rights were routinely violated by the Obama administration’s edicts.


Judges Gee and Mendez both urged the federal government to step up and pass immigration legislation that would answer basic policy questions that have been addressed with executive orders and judicial





# The Weather


## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

**TODAY**  
  
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
**▲86° ▼78°**

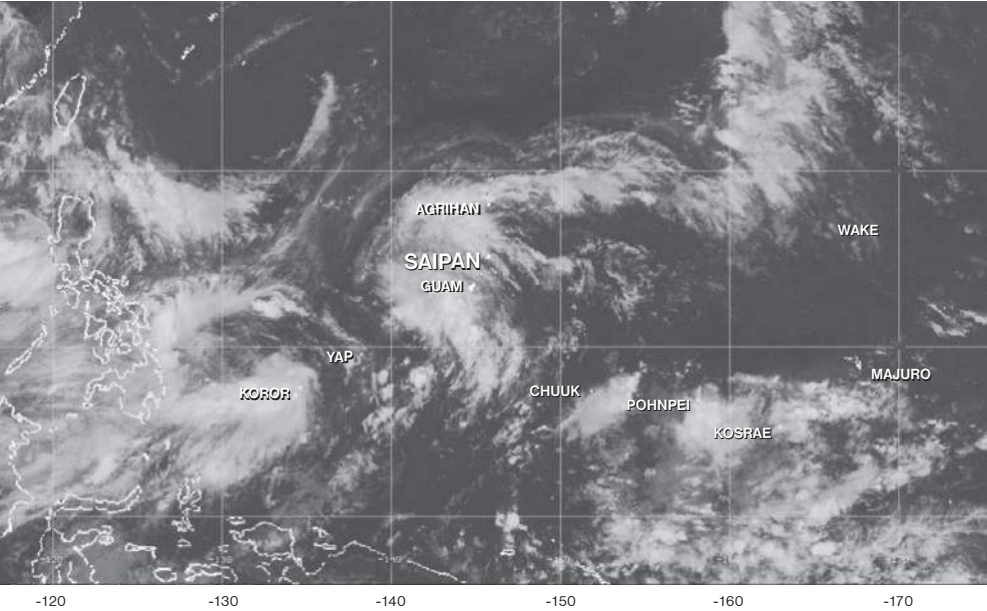
**SATURDAY**  
  
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.  
**▲87° ▼78°**

**SUNDAY**  
  
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.  
**▲89° ▼78°**

**MONDAY**  
  
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  
**▲89° ▼78°**

**TUESDAY**  
  
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  
**▲89° ▼78°**

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



**PICTURE TIME: 2:15 PM, THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

No changes made to the forecast. Scatterometer data from Wednesday night indicates that the circulation that was south of Guam has reformed further west to just north of a Palau. A surface trough extends from the circulation to near the Marianas. This trough will move across the Marianas and low-level convergence near and in its wake will cause scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the Marianas through Friday. A weak ridge of high pressure will cause the shower coverage to decrease to isolated showers and thunderstorms Saturday. Some models hint that the scattered showers may return by Sunday and persist into next week. Not certain about this so left forecast as is for now.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°	
Palau	Thunderstorm	85° / 77°	
Yap	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	87° / 76°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	88° / 77°	
Majuro	Thunderstorm	86° / 81°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Showers	59° / 54°	
Beijing	Thunderstorm	84° / 73°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	86° / 81°	
Honolulu	Showers	86° / 76°	
London	Showers	79° / 61°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	86° / 69°	
Manila	Thunderstorm	82° / 77°	
Melbourne	Sunny	57° / 39°	
Miami	Thunderstorm	88° / 78°	
New York	Mostly Sunny	84° / 69°	
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	93° / 79°	
Paris	Partly Cloudy	84° / 64°	
Busan	Sunny	84° / 75°	
Rome	Sunny	91° / 70°	
Salem	Partly Cloudy	92° / 73°	
San Francisco	Sunny	66° / 57°	
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	86° / 75°	
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	93° / 79°	
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	88° / 70°	

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6:32 AM	HIGH TIDE	2.11	
1:58 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.72	
8:59 PM	HIGH TIDE	2.07	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:53 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Monday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	5:40 AM	6:59 PM	-
Saturday	6:46 AM	7:59 PM	-
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7C3451 4:00am 7:05am 4, 5	7C3452 9:05pm 2:10am+1 3, 6, 7
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1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily
<b>ROTA TO SAIPAN</b>			
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3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily
<b>ROTA TO GUAM</b>			
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3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily
<b>GUAM TO ROTA</b>			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily
<b>SAIPAN TO TINIAN</b>			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
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1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily

1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
<b>TINIAN TO SAIPAN</b>			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily



# MCS pilots student-driven approach to course scheduling

As Mount Carmel School readies for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year, the school announced that it is piloting an innovative, student-driven approach to scheduling high school courses for upper-classmen.

Typically, when scheduling courses for a new year or a new semester, high schools and even colleges put together a schedule and then have students sign up for courses based on availability, seniority, and what students need to graduate. The course schedule thus dictates student choices. However, for the new year, the school is instead having student choices dictate the schedule.

The initiative is spearheaded by vice principal Barbara Merfalen, who used her experience with college scheduling as a former academic dean to guide the new scheduling approach. Merfalen said, "We are providing a more deliberate system that allows students to make choices for required classes, giving them ownership and responsibility for their learning."

The first part of the new scheduling system was de-



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As soon as students had submitted their preference forms for the new schedule, Mount Carmel School vice principal Barbara Merfalen started working on the course schedule for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year.



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Before the 2017-2018 school year ended, Student Council president Dayna Macaranas, second from right, worked with her fellow council officers, left to right, treasurer Rosa Castro, vice president Reica Ramirez, and moderator Quincy Chinen to prepare incoming Juniors and Seniors for the new scheduling system.

## Deadline to apply for NMC's Summer Health Program July 13

The deadline to apply for the summer program organized by Area Health Education Center at Northern Marianas College is today, July 13, 2018.

The program allows students who are interested in health careers to be introduced, through hands-on activities and engaging lessons, to nursing, rehabilitation & human services, science and math. The program will also feature presentations on CPR & basic first aid, nutrition, and mental health. The overall goal is to familiarize students about health careers in the CNMI.

To qualify for the program, students must be entering into the 11th or 12th grade and must be interested in pursuing health careers. The deadline to enroll in the 2018 Health Summer Program is 4pm, Friday, July 13, 2018. Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The CNMI AHEC will sponsor this program for those who are residents of the CNMI (i.e. United States citizens and U.S. Green Card holders). Students must provide a valid, government-issued ID (i.e. birth certificate, passport, driver's license, etc.) for veri-

fication upon registration.

The 2018 Health Summer Program will run as follows:

■ July 16-July 27 (Monday through Friday) from 8am to 12pm

■ July 28 (Saturday), July 30-Aug. 3 (Monday through Friday) from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

To register, students can visit the CNMI AHEC office in Building P at the NMC Saipan campus, or contact Queanna Sablan, CNMI AHEC Program manager, by phone at (670) 237-6809 or by email at queanna.sablan@marianas.edu. (PR)

veloping an individualized academic plan, or IAP, similar to the individualized degree plan, or IDP, that many colleges use. Like an IDP, Mount Carmel's IAP lists what courses students need to take in order to graduate. The courses reflect the school's college-prep curriculum and are consistent with what many colleges expect students to take before enrolling in college.

Once the IAP was developed, school administrators pre-filled students' IAPs with courses that students have already taken. Then homeroom teachers were trained to become academic advisors who could guide students through their respective IAPs. Guided by their homeroom teachers, students then worked through

their respective IAPs to identify what courses they need and want to take in the upcoming school year. Based on those completed IAPs, students and homeroom teachers then completed preference forms that listed what courses students intended to take in the new year. The completed preference forms were, in turn, used to develop a schedule for the new year.

According to school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, the new approach to scheduling is designed to empower students. As he put it, "Frankly, it would be easier to just tell students what to take, but that's not preparing them for college or for life." He added, "Despite how complicated it's been to implement, the concept is rather simple: Let student choice drive the schedule,

not the other way around."

Incoming Student Council president Dayna Macaranas agrees. She said, "This new approach widens our options of what classes we will take and helps us see what students are really interested in taking." In previous years, high-demand classes that filled up quickly or scheduling conflicts prevented many students from taking classes that they really wanted to take. However, according to Macaranas, "Now, students have a better chance of getting the classes they need and the classes they want."

For Merfalen, giving students that choice is important. "When students are given an opportunity to choose, they take ownership of their learning." (PR)

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# IPI-CSR spreads joy through bouquets of flowers to 60 CHCC patients

IPI-CSR, through executive director Geri Dela Cruz, right, and program manager Alex Palacios, among others, personally delivered 60 flower bouquets Wednesday to CHCC and were received by hospital staff led by nursing director Renea Raho, fifth center.

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC has spread joy and bright-

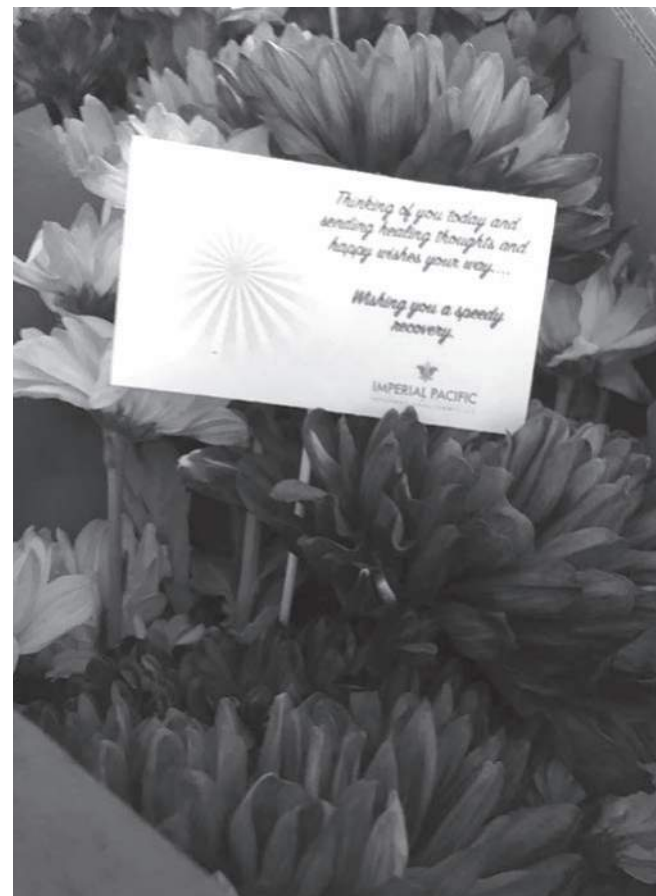
ened up the day of 60 patients of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. who re-

ceived Wednesday special deliveries of special bouquet of flowers.

Imperial Pacific's Corporate Social Responsibility, led by executive director Geri Dela Cruz, hand-delivered the flower bouquets Wednesday to CHCC, the government's only publicly ran hospital facility. The flowers were beautifully arranged by Island Touch by Philip.

Director of nursing, Renea Raho, received the bouquets. "Thank you IPI for the 60 bouquets delivered to our patients today! These flowers may have missed the Liberation Day grounds, but they will brighten up our hospital rooms!", CHCC said in a post on their online page.

The flowers were originally going to be featured on Imperial Pacific's float for the Liberation Day parade. However, the onset of bad weather led to the cancellation of the July 4th parade. (PR)



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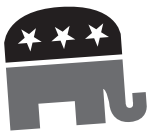
Imperial Pacific wrote the patients: "Thinking of you today and sending healing thoughts and happy wishes your way. Wishing you a speedy recovery."



Flowers, which were to highlight IPI's Liberation Day parade float, were received by CHCC staff yesterday.

## Committee to Re-elect Demapan/Sablan

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To Families and Friends in the CNMI most especially those in Election Precinct II

Dearest Everyone:

I am most proud to again serve as your Republican Party Chairman for Election Precinct II and the Committee to Re-Elect Ralph Sablan Demapan, Speaker of the House and John Paul Sablan (JP), Chairman of the Saipan, Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

With their exemplary leadership, Speaker Demapan and SNILD Chairman JP Sablan's performance and execution of their duties as elected officials is outstanding.

Let's put them back into office again together with their GOP running mates come this November 6, 2018.

Sincerely,

Joseph Castro Reyes, Chairman





# Sophia Walk donates \$7K to CHCC Volunteers Association



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Former first lady poses Sophia Tenorio, right, poses with John Oliver Gonzales, Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog's chief of staff, and Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan general manager Wendy Herring.

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan graciously thanks all generous sponsors, volunteers, participants, and community for the success of the 19th Annual Sophia Walk held on June 23, 2018.

Combined with the \$10 registration fee, cash donations and raffle ticket sales, this year's walk is donating \$7,000 to Sophia Tenorio's chosen beneficiary, the CHCC Volunteers Association.

Last June 23, over 550 participants gathered early in the morning at Fiesta Resort Beach to prepare for the 6-kilometer walk, which took the walkers/runners on a newly configured route to the Eloy S Inos Peace Park and back. Some of the participants donned creative and festive hats to join the inaugural "Best Hat" contest. Judges Sophia Tenorio and John Gonzales chose an artistically designed blue straw hat featuring the name "Sophia" in script with a latte stone, tropical elements, butterflies, and orange flowers as the winning piece, created by Helen Olbes. Olbes' efforts proved worthwhile as she won a "One Night Ocean View Room Stay and a Mai Teppanyaki Dinner for 2" valued at nearly \$400.

The raffle also confirmed to be a popular event with gift certificates donated by various generous sponsors. The Top 4 prizes from Aqua Resort Club, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Docomo Pacific, and Fiesta Resort were valued at over \$4,400. Lucky raffle ticket holder, Ron Ben, won the grand raffle

prize, a "Two Night Executive Suite stay with lounge access" plus "Sunday Brunch for 4 with Pool Access at the Fiesta Resort."

Fiesta Resort recognizes and generously thanks its extremely supportive sponsors: Tan Holdings, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, DFS T Galleria, Kanoa Resort, Acqua Panna, Century Hotel, Coca Cola, D&Q, Docomo Pacific, Gold's Gym, Grandvrio Resort, H Mart, Herman's Modern Bakery, Hong Electric

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 5.1[1] of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's (NMHC) Section 8 Administrative Plan, this is to inform the general public that NMHC is opening its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program's (HCVP) waiting list starting **July 23, 2018**. The waitlist will remain open until it reaches its maximum number of applicants. Applications will be available on **July 23, 2018**, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan; Tinian Field Office in San Jose, Tinian; and the Rota Field Office in Songsong Village, Rota. You may also obtain the application at our website at [www.nmhc.gov.net](http://www.nmhc.gov.net). Please submit your application in person at the NMHC Main Office on Saipan or the Field Offices on Tinian and Rota, from Monday through Friday (except holidays) between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. NMHC is not accepting on-line submission of applications as of this time.

<b>NMHC Main Office</b>	<b>Monday – Friday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tinian Field Office</b>	<b>Monday – Friday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Rota Field Office</b>	<b>Monday – Friday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b>

NMHC Housing Specialists will review the applications and formally contact applicants to schedule an eligibility appointment. For more information, please contact NMHC at telephone numbers 234-6866 or 234-9447 (Saipan), 433-9213 (Tinian), or 532-9410 (Rota).

[1] NMHC shall issue a public notice advising the general public that applications for Section 8 are being accepted. The public notice shall contain the places, date(s), and time, application procedures and any limitations on who may apply and shall be published in a local newspaper of general circulation.

**"NMHC is an equal employment and fair housing public agency"**



## COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION

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## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: **July 13, 2018** Closing Date: **July 31, 2018**

The Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission") needs immediate recruitment for the following position:

POSITION	DIVISION	SALARY RANGE	ANNOUNCEMENT NO.
<b>ENFORCEMENT AGENT I</b>	Enforcement & Investigations	\$23,000 - \$28,000	CCC-2018-C

- **Salary:** Actual salary level will depend on the applicant's education, experience, and other related qualifications.
- **Location:** Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI").
- **Benefits:** Basic CNMI government employment fringe benefits.
- **Exempted Position:** This position is exempted from the CNMI Civil Service system per P.L. 18-56 & P.L.19-24.

### Requirements:

- Completed CNMI Government Application for Employment (OPM-03) - Original
- Resume with accompanying educational and professional credentials & documentations
- Police Clearance (within the last 3 months)
- Copy of your Driver's License or other form of Valid Identification with photo

Education and training claimed under items 24 (A) through (H) of the Application for Employment must be substantiated by an official school transcript, diploma, or certificate. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification.

The Commonwealth Casino Commission is an equal employment opportunity employer. The CCC's EEO policy is to ensure that all employment decisions are made on a non-discriminatory basis, and without regard to sex, race, color, age, national origin, religion, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, political affiliation or belief, or any other status protected by applicable national, federal, state or local law. Please be informed that prior to a job offer, you are required to undergo a pre-employment drug test pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace Policy, Part V.C. of the Personnel Service System Rules and Regulations. The Casino Commission may also require additional criminal background checks and investigations if deemed necessary.

Application Forms can be picked up at the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). For information on the POSITION DESCRIPTION and other requirements, please contact the HR Officer, Ms. Juanette LG. Sablan at 233-1857/58 or at [info@cnmicasinocommission.com](mailto:info@cnmicasinocommission.com). Interested persons should submit their completed Employment Application Forms along with supporting documents to the Commonwealth Casino Commission's Office at Springs Plaza (Unit #13 & #14), Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950.



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Procurement & Supply



### INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-18-024

### REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF ENGINE # 8 AND # 4 FRAME, BLOCK & ALTERNATOR PARTS AT POWER PLANT NO.1, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced firms for the removal and relocation of Engine 8 and Engine No. 4 frame, block & alternator parts at Power Plant No.1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. In addition they will also be required to remove the coils from the stators and store them in a designated place. Both engines have been partially dismantled by the CUC plant personnel.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **180 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration.

As this is a re-bid, a Pre-Bid Conference is not considered necessary; CUC will allow Site Visit based on pre-scheduled arrangements with CUC through email. Prospective Bidders who had not participated in the previous bid (CUC-IFB-18-020) are encouraged to visit the site for familiarizing the site conditions.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-18-024: Removal and relocation of engines 8 and 4 at Power Plant No. 1"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 27, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 90 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are however expected to have experience and the required skill sets in similar work.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 16, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Project Manager – via email [venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org](mailto:venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org) and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE  
Acting, Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.  
Purchasing Administrator



Business

US soon to leapfrog Saudis, Russia as top oil producer

By DAVID KOENIG  
AP BUSINESS WRITER

The U.S. is on pace to leapfrog both Saudi Arabia and Russia and reclaim the title of the world's biggest oil producer for the first time since the 1970s.

The latest forecast from the U.S. Energy Information Administration predicts that U.S. output will grow next year to 11.8 million barrels a day.

"If the forecast holds, that would make the U.S. the world's leading producer of crude," says Linda Capuano, who heads the agency, a part of the Energy Department.

Saudi Arabia and Russia could upend that forecast by boosting their own production. In the face of rising global oil prices, members of the OPEC cartel and a few non-members including Russia agreed last month to ease production caps that had contributed to the run-up in prices.

President Donald Trump has urged the Saudis to pump more oil to contain rising prices. He tweeted on June 30 that King Salman agreed to boost production "maybe



AP  
In this June 8, 2017, file photo, oil derricks are busy pumping as the moon rises near the La Paloma Generating Station in McKittrick, Calif.

Arabia pumped just under 10 million, and the U.S. came in under 9.4 million barrels a day, according to U.S. government figures.

The U.S. has been pumping more than 10 million barrels a day on average since February, and probably pumped about 10.9 million barrels a day in June, up from 10.8 million in May, the energy agency said Tuesday in its latest short-term outlook.

Capuano's agency forecast that U.S. crude output will average 10.8 million barrels a day for all of 2018 and 11.8 million barrels a day in 2019. The current U.S. record for a full year is 9.6 million barrels a day in 1970.

The trend of rising U.S. output prompted Fatih Birol, executive director of the International Energy Agency, to predict this spring that the U.S. would leapfrog Russia and become the world's largest producer by next year — if not sooner.

One potential obstacle for U.S. drillers is a bottleneck of pipeline capacity to ship oil from the Permian Basin of Texas and New Mexico to ports and refineries.

"They are growing the production but they can't get it out of the area fast enough because of pipeline constraints," said Jim Rittersbusch, a consultant to oil traders.

Some analysts believe that Permian production could decline, or at least grow more slowly, in 2019 or 2020 as energy companies move from their best acreage to more marginal areas.

A new round of proposed Trump tariffs would hit US consumers

WASHINGTON (AP)—Now consumers are in the cross-hairs.

Americans could soon find themselves paying more for goods they might not have known were imported from China. It's a potential consequence of a new round of tariffs the Trump administration is proposing to slap on Chinese imports as soon as September.

And it marks a new phase in the U.S. trade war with China. Before now, the administration had deliberately avoided imposing tariffs on consumer goods in order to spare U.S. shoppers from direct economic pain. But late Tuesday, when the administration issued a list of 6,000 products worth \$200 billion that it proposes to hit with 10 percent tariffs, it included consumer items ranging from baseball gloves to seafood, vacuum cleaners, toilet paper and burglar alarms.

The administration will hold hearings on the proposed list late next month. President

Donald Trump is threatening to impose the tariffs in retaliation for duties that China slapped on \$34 billion of U.S. goods on Friday. Those duties, in turn, were a response to new tariffs the United States had imposed on China.

If China were to back down, the Trump administration might hold off on the newest tariffs. But economists say Beijing is unlikely to do so.

"Consumers will feel it and perhaps as early as Christmas," said Mary Lovely, an economics professor at Syracuse University who studies trade.

On Friday, the administration imposed 25 percent tariffs on \$34 billion of Chinese imports. Consumer goods made up only about 1 percent of that amount.

But Tuesday's list includes food and agricultural products, handbags, hats and furniture—a group of items that, by themselves, account for nearly one-quarter of the \$200 billion in Chinese goods that would be subject to the

"The Prize." The rebound of U.S. output "has made a huge difference. If this had not happened, we would have had a severe shortage of world oil," he said.

The United States led the world in oil production for much of the 20th century, but the Soviet Union surpassed America in 1974, and Saudi Arabia did the same in 1976, according to Energy Department figures.

By the end of the 1970s the USSR was producing one-

third more oil than the U.S.; by the end of the 1980s, Soviet output was nearly double that of the U.S.

The last decade or so has seen a revolution in American energy production, however, led by techniques including hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, and horizontal drilling.

Those innovations — and the breakup of the Soviet Union — helped the U.S. narrow the gap. Last year, Russia produced more than 10.3 million barrels a day, Saudi

new proposed tariffs, according to data compiled by trade research firm Panjiva.

Other products that would be affected include window-mounted air conditioners, Christmas lights, car parts, refrigerators and roughly \$350 million of frozen tilapia filets, according to data from Panjiva. Of all the frozen tilapia the United States imports, roughly 83 percent comes from China.

The tariffs might even affect some of the "Make America Great Again"—or MAGA—hats sported by many of Trump's supporters. David Lassoff, a company manager for California-based Incredible Gifts, is stockpiling the hats because importers have told him that the MAGA hats might be affected by the tariffs. Incredible Gifts buys the hats from China and embroiders them in the United States.

Lassoff said he has tried to acquire the hats from American manufacturers, but customers are unwilling to pay

more. Incredible Gifts sells the hats for \$16.99 on Amazon.com; Lassoff said they might cost twice that if they were made in the United States. If the tariffs were imposed on Chinese-made hats, he said, he would consider acquiring them from another low-cost country like Vietnam.

For now, Lassoff is hoping that the big companies that sell them, like Walmart and Amazon, are lobbying against the tariffs.

So far, many Americans are enjoying a solid economy and haven't felt an impact from Trump's trade fights. Nor have there been noticeable political consequences, though some Republican senators have sharply criticized the administration's embrace of tariffs.

"Consumers are feeling good, but if they see prices start going up, there could be a backlash," said Rod Sides, U.S. leader of retail at Deloitte. "The average consumer hasn't yet internalized what the tariffs mean to them and haven't seen prices rise."

Senate calls for more say on tariffs in bipartisan vote

WASHINGTON (AP)—Lawmakers went on record Wednesday to express their frustration with the Trump administration's growing use of tariffs as the Senate passed a nonbinding resolution designed to give Congress more say about trade penalties imposed in the name of national security.

The measure, which passed by an 88-11 vote, directs Capitol Hill negotiators trying to reconcile separate spending bills to include language giving Congress a role when such tariffs are put in place.

Those negotiators are free to ignore the Senate's guidance, and the role that Congress would play would have to be worked out down the road.

Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., who pushed the tariff language, acknowledged the effort is "a baby step."

But Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., said the vote amounted to a rebuke of President Donald Trump's use of a national security waiver to impose tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from China, Canada,

Mexico, the European Union and other nations.

"We have to rein in abuse of presidential authority and restore Congress' constitutional authority in this regard," Flake said.

The administration on Tuesday ramped up its trade dispute with China by announcing a possible second round of tariffs targeting a \$200 billion list of Chinese goods. The United States complains that China uses predatory practices to challenge American technological dominance. Chinese tactics, the administration says, include outright cybertheft and forcing U.S. companies to hand over technology in exchange for access to the Chinese market.

The latest actions have fueled anxiety among lawmakers about a trade war that could hurt U.S. farmers and manufacturers. But the Senate resolution focused on a much narrower question: Should lawmakers have more say, or even final sign-off authority, before the president imposes tariffs on national security grounds?

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<b>DOW</b> 24,700.45 -219.21 -0.88%	<b>S&amp;P</b> 2,774.02 -19.82 -0.71%	<b>NASDAQ</b> 7,716.61 -42.59 -0.55%
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EXCHANGE RATES

Hong Kong Dollar	7.8489	Russian Ruble	62.1673
Australian Dollar	1.3542	Singapore Dollar	1.3614
British Pound	0.7569	South Korean Won	1103.89
Canadian Dollar	1.3192	Swiss Franc	0.9952
Chinese Yuan	6.5775	Taiwan Dollar	30.0111
Euro	0.8558	Thailand Baht	33.1805



# Nation

## Immigrant parents happy but traumatized after kids returned

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—Immigrant parents who reveled after joyful reunions with their young children spoke Wednesday of the traumatic impact of being separated from their sons and daughters for months after they were taken from them at the U.S. border.

The administration has been scrambling to reunify the families this week to meet the first of two deadlines set by a federal judge in San Diego who ordered thousands of children be given back to their immigrant parents. Scores of children separated from their families were sent to government-contracted shelters or foster care hundreds of miles away from where their parents were detained.

Roger Ardino, from Honduras, was happy to be back with his 4-year-old son, Roger Jr., who sat on his lap and played with the microphones

as the father spoke to reporters. The father said he was still shaken by the ordeal he had to go through just to speak to his boy while he was in government custody. The two were separated in February.

He described feeling a pain in his heart and like he couldn't breathe after his son was taken away. The father held up his wrist and told reporters that after they were separated, he threatened to use a razor on himself if he couldn't speak to his son.

He spoke Wednesday at Annunciation House, an El Paso, Texas-based shelter, along with another father recently reunited with his child. They arrived there Tuesday.

"I was completely traumatized," the father said in Spanish. He added later: "Every time I spoke to him, he would start crying. Where are the rights of children? I



**AP**  
In this image taken from video, Javier Garrido Martinez, left and Alan Garcia, right, sit with their 4-year-old sons at a news conference in New York, Wednesday, July 11, 2018.

neys say they already are seeing barriers to those reunifications from a backlog in the processing of fingerprinting of parents to families unable to afford the airfare to fly the child to them—which could run as high as \$1,000.

Kay Bellor, vice president for programs at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, which provides foster care to migrant children, said she witnessed the reunion Wednesday of a 3-year-old and his father in the Washington, D.C., area. The boy seemed bright and alert, asking his father about wanting to go to school and seeing his mother.

"To me, the overwhelming feeling was this is right that they're being reunited, but this was so wrong from the very beginning, and it didn't have to happen this way," Bellor said. "They should never have been separated in the first place."

In New York, Javier Garrido Martinez spoke through tears Wednesday as he held his 4-year-old son, who fed a Dorito to his father as he sat on his lap.

The Honduran father and son had been apart for 55 days.

Garrido Martinez said they were "the worst days" of his life.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Illinois cop resigns after dispute over Puerto Rican shirt

**CHICAGO (AP)**—A police officer has resigned amid an investigation into his response to a woman who said she was being harassed in a Chicago forest preserve for wearing a shirt with the Puerto Rican flag. The Forest Preserves of Cook County announced on Twitter that Officer Patrick Connor resigned late Wednesday. Records show he had been with the force since 2006. A woman complained that a man at Caldwell Woods was questioning her citizenship and telling her she shouldn't be wearing the shirt. Puerto Rico is a U.S. commonwealth. Video of the June 14 incident shows the officer didn't respond. More officers eventually arrived and arrested the man. Connor was initially placed on desk duty as the investigation got underway. The forest preserve district says officials continue to investigate the incident.

#### Police: Parents starve, bind, cage 21-year-old disabled son

**PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (AP)**—The mother and stepfather of a 21-year-old man with a genetic disability that prevents him from speaking are accused of beating, binding and caging him. News outlets report 40-year-old Christina Boyles and 39-year-old Herbert Boyles, of Parkersburg, West Virginia, were arrested and charged Tuesday with abuse and neglect of an incapacitated adult. A Parkersburg

Police Department release says officers investigating reports of abuse last month found the son malnourished with wounds from restraints. A criminal complaint says he also had cysts on his pelvic area, possibly from lying on a hard surface for a while, and sores on other parts of his body. It says the victim's adult brother told authorities his brother was starved, bound, caged and sprayed all over his body with chemicals. It's unclear if the Boyles have lawyers.

#### 2 killed, 1 wounded in Las Vegas shooting, police gun battle

**LAS VEGAS (AP)**—One suspect was killed and a second wounded during a shootout Wednesday with police in downtown Las Vegas, hours after the pair was involved in the fatal shooting of another man, authorities said. The gunfire began at around 7:30 a.m. when an unidentified man was fatally shot at a car wash. About two hours later, police said they saw a vehicle matching the description of the one the suspects were driving, Las Vegas police Capt. Yaseenia Yatomi said. Police traded gunfire with the two suspects during a chase that ended with the SUV crashing into a wall at an elementary school, Yatomi said. One suspect then was fatally shot by police after he tried to flee on foot. The other, who was wounded by police, had made it onto the school grounds before he was taken into custody, Yatomi said. No other injuries were reported.

thought children were supposed to be a priority here in the United States."

The father said he planned to live with relatives in the United States as his asylum case is processed, which could take years.

It wasn't immediately clear how many children remain in detention facilities.

Late last month, U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw in San Diego set a 14-day deadline to reunite children under 5 with their parents and a 30-day deadline for older children. He asked the government to return to court Friday to give an update on how many families had been reunited.

In trying to meet the first deadline, the government be-

gan with a list of 102 children potentially eligible to be reunited and whittled that to 75 through screening that included DNA testing done by swabbing the inside of the cheek.

Of those 75, Justice Department attorneys told the court the government would guarantee 38 would be back with their parents by the end of Tuesday. They said an additional 17 could also join their parents if DNA results arrived and a criminal background check on a parent was completed. It was not known Wednesday whether that happened.

Government attorneys told Sabraw that the Trump administration would not meet the deadline for 20 other children

under 5 because it needed more time to track down parents who have already been deported or released into the U.S.

Sabraw indicated more time would be allowed only in specific cases where the government showed good reasons for a delay.

The administration defended its screening, saying it discovered parents with serious criminal histories, five adults whose DNA tests showed they were not parents of the children they claimed to have, and one case of credible child abuse.

The administration faces a second, bigger deadline—July 26—to reunite more than 2,000 older children with their families. Immigration attor-

## Border Protection says NYC mayor crossed border illegally

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and his security detail violated both Mexican and U.S. immigration laws by crossing the border on foot during a visit near El Paso, Texas, U.S. Customs and Border Protection alleges in a letter obtained by The Associated Press.

The mayor on Wednesday called the allegation "absolutely ridiculous."

De Blasio, a fierce critic of the Trump administration's immigration policies, went to the Texas border with about 20 other mayors from around the country on June 21, the day after President Donald Trump signed an order stopping family separations at the border.

More than 2,300 families were separated as a result of the administration's zero tolerance policy, which criminally prosecutes anyone caught crossing illegally. The mayors

said Trump had failed to address a humanitarian crisis of his own making.

De Blasio went to a holding facility for immigrant children but was denied entry. He then went to Mexico to get a better view of the facility. The New York Police Department runs de Blasio's security detail.

According to the letter, a uniformed Border Patrol agent noticed a group standing in the Rio Grande flood plain south of the Tornillo, Texas, port of entry, taking photos of the holding facility. The agent asked if anyone from Border Patrol or public affairs was there to authorize their presence. An NYPD inspector said no, according to the letter, and when the agent asked the group how they arrived, they pointed to Mexico.

The agent told them they'd crossed the border illegally and asked them to remain there while he got a supervisor

and took them to an official crossing for an inspection per federal law, according to the letter. But the group disregarded the order, walking back to their vehicles and driving back to Mexico, according to the letter. They reentered by car through a port of entry about three hours later, the letter said.

De Blasio said border agents approved the crossing after his security detail asked to venture into Mexico so the mayor and other elected officials could get a different view of facility holding youths.

De Blasio said the agents checked with their supervisor before allowing the officials' cars to exit and return via normal checkpoint.

"While we were there, we were told where the border line was and we respected it," said de Blasio.

He said both times they showed their passports and

crossed with approval of agents at the entry point.

"Threats by the Trump Administration will not stop me from speaking out and they won't stop my fellow mayors from speaking out, and they won't stop every day New Yorkers and Americans from speaking out," de Blasio said.

He said it was an attempt to distract from the government's "inhumane policy."

"When our federal government is doing something that's hurting people, they don't want that to be the focus of attention. So now, trying to get the focus off a policy literally called 'family separation,' they're trying again to distract."

A spokesman for the Border Protection had no comment.

"U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the United States Border Patrol take violations of law very seriously," the letter said.



# Asia

## With V-for-Victory sign, rescued Thai boys celebrate freedom

**MAE SAI, Thailand (AP)**—As ecstatic relatives watched and waved from behind a glass barrier, the 12 boys and their soccer coach rescued from deep within a flooded cave in Thailand made the V-for-Victory sign Wednesday from their beds in a hospital isolation ward where they are recovering from the 18-day ordeal.

An American involved in the operation described the perilous zero-visibility dives that brought the boys out safely as a “once in a lifetime rescue.”

Derek Anderson, a 32-year-old rescue specialist with the U.S. Air Force based in Okinawa, Japan, said that at times during the risky rescue, the boys had to be put into harnesses and high-lined across the rocky caverns. At other times, they endured dives lasting up to half an hour in the pitch-black waters.

“The world just needs to know that what was accomplished was a once in a lifetime rescue,” Anderson told The Associated Press in an interview on Wednesday. “We were extremely fortunate that the outcome was the way it was. It’s important to realize how complex and how many pieces of this puzzle had to come together.”

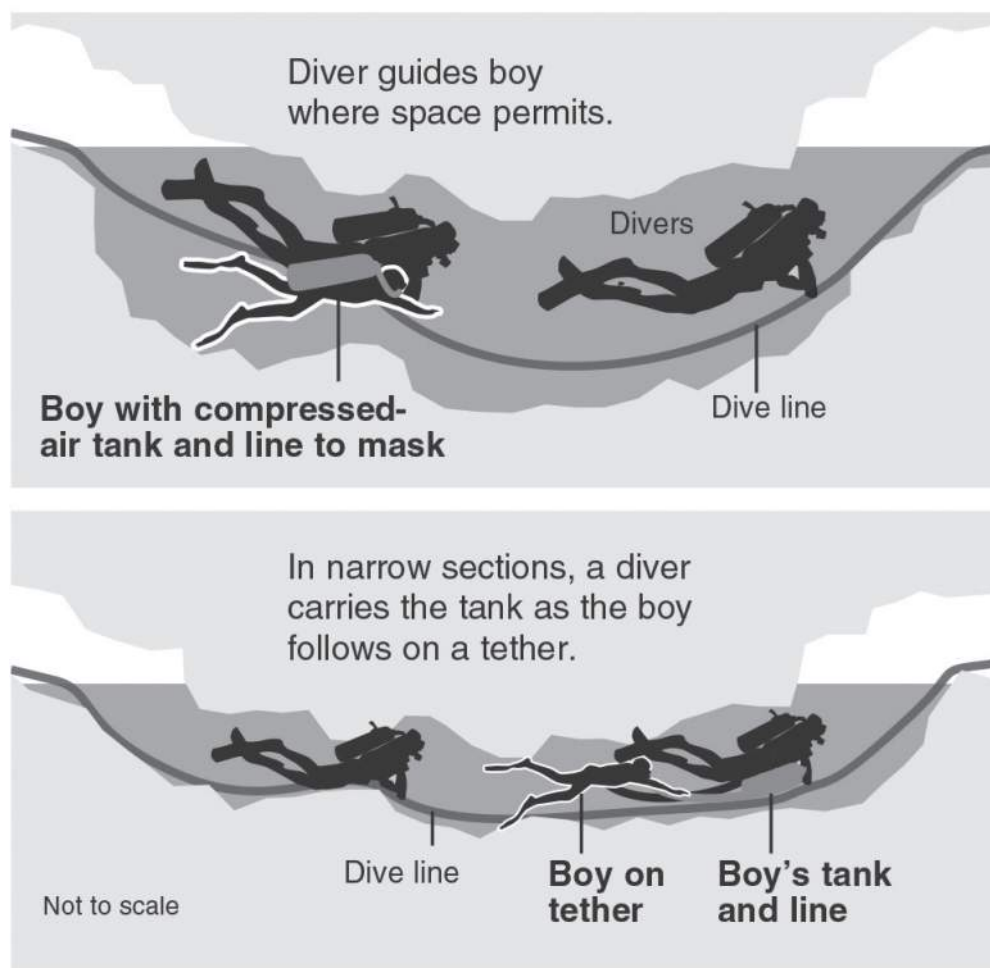
He said the boys, ranging in age from 11 to 16, were “incredibly resilient.”

“What was really important was the coach and the boys all came together and discussed staying strong, having the will to live, having the will to survive,” Anderson said.

That gutsy determination was on display Wednesday in a video taken from the hospital isolation ward. The boys, their faces covered by green

### How the boys are being rescued

*Divers in Thailand must help the boys navigate more than a mile of flooded caves to reach safety.*



Source: LA Times reporting  
Graphic: Len De Groot - LA Times, Tribune News Service

surgical masks, flashed the V-for-Victory sign as they sat up in bed and chatted with their nurses, at times responding with the customary Thai sign of respect—hands pressed together while bowing the head. The youngest boy, 11, appeared to be asleep under a crisp white sheet.

“Don’t need to worry about their physical health

and even more so for their mental health,” said Chaiwetch Thanapaisai, director of Chiang Rai Prachanukroh Hospital.

“Everyone is strong in mind and heart,” he said at a news conference of officials involved in the rescue.

The four boys and 25-year-old soccer coach who were brought out Tuesday on the fi-

nal day of the three-day rescue effort have recovered more quickly than the boys rescued on Sunday and Monday, Chaiwetch said.

Even so, all need to be monitored in the hospital for a week and then rest at home for another 30 days, he said. Three have slight lung infections.

Another video released on Facebook by the Thai Navy

SEALs, who were central to the rescue, showed one of the boys being carried through part of the muddy cave on a stretcher covered by an emergency thermal blanket.

The SEALs commander, Rear Adm. Apakorn Youkongkai, said the soccer coach, Ekkapol Chantawong, determined the order the boys from the Wild Boars soccer team should be rescued in. “The coach was the one to choose,” he said.

The group had entered the sprawling Tham Luang cave in northern Thailand to go exploring after soccer practice on June 23 when monsoon rains filled the tight passageways, blocking their escape. They were found by a pair of British divers nearly 10 days later, huddled on a small, dry shelf just above the water, smiling with relief but visibly skinny.

The complex mission for the rescuers from Thailand, the U.S., Britain, Australia and other countries to guide the boys and coach through the cave’s flooded passageways riveted people worldwide. Highlighting the dangers, a

former Thai navy SEAL volunteering to work on the rescue died Friday while replenishing oxygen canisters placed along the escape route.

Chiang Rai province acting Gov. Narongsak Osatanakorn, who oversaw the rescue operation, said the boys should not be blamed for their near tragedy. He lauded the cooperation between Thai and international rescuers.

“The situation went beyond just being a rescue mission and became a symbol of unity among mankind,” he said. “Everyone worked together without discrimination of race or religion as the ultimate goal was to save the youth football team.”

Officials plan an interactive museum at the Tham Luang cave based on the historic rescue mission that will feature items such as clothing that key rescuers wore during the operation, Narongsak said.

Each of the boys, with no diving experience, was guided out by divers through rocky, muddy and water-filled passages that in places were just a crawl space.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Official: Duterte wants term cut if Philippines goes federal

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The Philippine president wants a draft of a new constitution shifting the country into a federal system to require the election of a new leader before that change to cut short his presidency, his spokesman said Monday. Presidential spokesman Harry Roque said a committee, which submitted the 114-page draft federal constitution to President Rodrigo Duterte on Monday, agreed to his request and would rewrite a provision. There has been speculation that the proposed constitution is designed to allow the 73-year-old Duterte, who has faced growing criticism over his bloody anti-drug campaign and human rights record, to cling to power beyond the end of his six-year term in 2022. “It’s to remove all suspicions and I am tired, ready to give it to somebody else,” Roque quoted the president as saying, adding that Duterte was ready to step down as early as next year if the overhaul of the country’s political system is approved. Duterte has argued that federalism would be key to ending a decades-long rebellion by Muslim guerrillas, who

have demanded their own autonomous region in the country’s south.

#### Malaysia says mastermind behind 1MDB looting fled Macau

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)**—Fugitive businessman Low Taek Jho, a suspect in the looting of Malaysian state investment fund 1MDB, has fled Macau to an unknown destination, police said Wednesday. Malaysian authorities have been pursuing Low, known just as Jho Low, since a new government reopened investigations into the scandal. 1MDB was set up by former leader Najib Razak but it accumulated billions in debts and authorities in the U.S., Switzerland and several other countries are investigating. National police chief Mohamad Fuzi Harun said Macau authorities informed him two days ago that Low had fled the territory but didn’t say where he went. Malaysia cancelled Low’s passport but Fuzi said Low could have several travel documents, making it tougher to trace him. Interpol has issued an arrest notice for Low at Malaysia’s request, and Fuzi said he hoped to soon get news about Low’s whereabouts.

## Abe visiting flood-hit western Japan as deaths reach 176

**HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP)**—Residents shoveled mud and debris to clear streets so they could get out for food and other supplies Wednesday in areas of western Japan hard hit by landslides and flooding that still swamped some areas. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visited an evacuation center in the city of Kurashiki in Okayama prefecture, where more than 40 of the 176 victims died. He ducked in front of an elderly woman sitting on the floor, and pledged to her that his government will do its utmost to bring back her ordinary life as soon as possible. About 200 residents were taking refuge at the shelter he visited.

Tens of thousands of rescue and recovery workers and volunteers were searching for

people still missing.

In areas where search-and-rescue operations had ended, construction workers and residents worked in neighborhoods to clear mud and debris and restore vehicle access to the outside and get supplies and food.

In Hiroshima’s Asakita ward, resident Nobuaki Hyuga walked to a neighborhood convenience store but could only find ice cream and juices, so he had to go further to find bread and other foods. “We are cut off from the road and we can’t go anywhere by car,” Hyuga said.

Construction worker Fukuyoshi Doi volunteering to get that done, and supervised other volunteers who gathered to help.

“Mud and dirt is still block-

ing our local bus route, so we are trying to get that out of the way, so the road can be reopened for buses and cars,” he said. “Once we get the mud out, I believe the rest of the work would pick up.”

The government said 176 people have been confirmed dead after the record-setting rainfall last week caused severe flooding and landslides. Most of the deaths were in Hiroshima and the surrounding area, but the damage was widespread.

The government has mobilized 75,000 troops and emergency workers and some 80 helicopters for the search and rescue effort, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said.

Delivery companies Sagawa Express Co. and Yamato Transport Co. and cargo ser-

vice Japan Freight Railway Co. said some of their shipments to and from the flooded areas have been suspended or reduced. Supermarkets have closed stores or shortened hours due to delivery delays and supply shortages.

Thousands of homes were still without clean water and electricity. Residents lined up for water under a scorching sun as temperatures rose to 35 Celsius (95 Fahrenheit), raising the risk of heat stroke.

Suga said earlier the government was spending 2 billion yen (\$18 million) to hasten deliveries of supplies and other support for evacuation centers and residents.

Abe canceled a planned trip to Europe and the Middle East this week to oversee the emergency response.



## World

# Trump rattles NATO, questioning its value

**BRUSSELS** (AP)—Under fire for his warm embrace of Russia's Vladimir Putin, President Donald Trump jolted the NATO summit Wednesday by turning a spotlight on Germany's ties to Russia and openly questioning the value of the military alliance that has defined American foreign policy for decades.

Trump declared that a joint natural gas pipeline venture with Moscow has left Angela Merkel's government "totally controlled" and "captive to Russia." So, in a stroke, he shifted attention away from his own ties to the Kremlin just days before he meets one-on-one with Putin.

With scorching language, the president questioned the necessity of the alliance that formed a bulwark against Soviet aggression, tweeting after a day of contentious meetings: "What good is NATO if Germany is paying Russia billions of dollars for gas and energy?"

German Prime Minister Merkel hit back immediately, not only denying Trump's contention but suggesting that his comfortable upbringing in the U.S. gave him no standing to spout off on the world stage

about Germany.

Drawing on her own background growing up in communist East Germany behind the Iron Curtain, she said:

"I've experienced myself a part of Germany controlled by the Soviet Union, and I'm very happy today that we are united in freedom as the Federal Republic of Germany and can thus say that we can determine our own policies and make our own decisions and that's very good."

Trump demanded by public tweet that members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization "must pay 2% of GDP IMMEDIATELY, not by 2025" for their military efforts. He then rattled U.S. allies further by privately suggesting member nations should spend 4 percent of their gross domestic product on the military—more than even the United States currently pays, according to NATO statistics.

It was just the latest in Trump's demands and insults that critics fear will undermine a decades-old alliance launched to counterbalance Soviet aggression after World War II. And it came just days before Trump planned to sit down with Pu-

tin in Finland at the conclusion of what has become a contentious European trip.

Trump has spent weeks berating members of the alliance for failing to increase military spending, accusing Europe of freeloading off the U.S. and even raising doubts about whether he would come to members' defense as required if they were ever attacked.

Trump's tongue-lashing accelerated during a pre-summit breakfast, when he traded his usual long-distance Twitter attacks for a face-to-face confrontation with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg.

"We're supposed to protect you against Russia but they're paying billions of dollars to Russia and I think that's very inappropriate," Trump said, repeatedly describing Germany as "captive to Russia" because of the energy deal. He urged NATO to look into the issue.

Trump's harsh words for Merkel, whose country has hosted tens of thousands of U.S. troops that have been key to post-WWII stability in Europe for seven decades, struck at the core of the alliance. West Germany joined NATO in

1955 and was a critical factor in the alliance's success in facing down the Soviet Union until its collapse. Reunified with the East, Germany became the largest European economy in NATO in 1990.

The president's beef was with the Nord Stream 2 pipeline that would bring gas from Russia to Germany's northeastern Baltic coast, bypassing Eastern European nations like Poland and Ukraine and doubling the amount of gas Russia can send directly to Germany. The vast undersea pipeline is opposed by the U.S. and some other EU members, who warn it could give Moscow greater

leverage over Western Europe. It's expected to be online at the end of 2019.

Environmental-conscious Germany is trying to reduce its reliance on coal and is phasing out nuclear power by 2022, so it hopes to use natural gas to partially fill the gap until the country's electricity grid can cope with fluctuating levels provided by renewable energy.

Hours after the breakfast, Merkel and Trump appeared to play nice as they met along the summit's sidelines. Trump told reporters the two had a "very, very good relationship" and congratulated Merkel on her "tremendous success."

While Trump went after Germany for its ties to Russia, he himself has been accused by critics of being too eager to improve relations with Moscow. He's also dismissed the U.S. intelligence community's assessment that Russia tried to undermine Western democracy by meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election to help him win.

Trump also lobbed fresh complaints about allies' "delinquent" defense spending and suggested at one point that NATO allies commit to spending 4 percent of their GDP on defense—twice the goal they've set for 2024.

## Putin and Netanyahu meet for Syria-focused talks in Moscow

**MOSCOW** (AP)—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow on Wednesday for talks focusing on Iranian presence in Syria—an issue that is expected to top the agenda of the upcoming U.S.-Russian summit.

While the Russian and Israeli leaders sat down for talks in the Kremlin, a senior Iranian envoy also headed to Moscow amid intensive Syria-focused diplomatic efforts ahead of Putin's summit in Helsinki on Monday with President Donald Trump.

Netanyahu underlined warm ties between Russia and Israel, emphasizing what he described as their key stabilizing role for the Mideast.

"Every visit like this is an opportunity for us to act together and try and stabilize the situation in our region and increase security and increase stability," Netanyahu said. "Obviously, our focus is on Syria and Iran. Our opinion is known that Iran needs to leave Syria—that is not something new for you."

Both the United States and Israel are concerned about Iran's growing military presence in Syria, where it has provided crucial aid to President Bashar Assad's forces.

Israel has repeatedly said it will not allow Iran, or its Shiite proxies, to establish a permanent presence in a postwar Syria.

Russia, another top ally of Assad, has warned it would be unrealistic to expect Iran to fully withdraw from the country.

However, there have recently been signs of an emerging compromise among key players.

Media reports suggested that at Monday's meeting in Helsinki, Putin and Trump could reach a deal that would envisage the deployment of Syrian government forces alongside the frontier with the Israeli-held side of the Golan Heights and the withdrawal of Iranian forces and their proxy Hezbollah militia from the area.

While Russia and Iran have both deployed forces to Syria to help prop up Assad's government, their interests do not always converge. Russia also has maintained warm ties with Israel and demonstrated a readiness to take its security interests into account.

"We know about your concerns, let's have a thorough talk about them," Putin told Netanyahu before reporters were asked to leave the room.

Meanwhile, Ali Akbar Velayati, a senior adviser to Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatol-

lah Ali Khamenei, also left for Moscow on Wednesday for a meeting with Putin.


In a reminder of the volatile situation, Netanyahu pointed at an incident earlier Wednesday in which the Israeli military fired a Patriot missile to shoot down a drone that had infiltrated Israeli airspace from Syria.

"We will continue to act decisively against any spillover and any infiltration of Israeli territory or airspace," Netanyahu said.

He added that Israel expects Syria to strictly observe a 1974 deal that set out a demilitarized zone along their frontier and limited the number of forces each side can deploy within 25 kilometers (15 miles) of the zone.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said in an interview with Italian newspaper Il Giornale published Wednesday that Moscow hopes that Israel and Iran will both display caution and avoid a showdown.


"Their use of military force in Syria would inevitably lead to an escalation of tensions across the entire Middle East region," he said. "In that context, we rely on peaceful diplomatic means to resolve any differences and expect both sides to show restraint."



IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

## Janet Basa Villanueva

BORN TO LIFE: DECEMBER 21, 1967 | CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE: JULY 1, 2018




**In her new life, she now joins her:**

**Parents:** †Joaquin Pangelinan Villanueva  
†Margarita Basa Villanueva

**Maternal Grandparents:**  
†Jose Concepcion Basa  
†Dolores Blas Basa

**Paternal Grandparents:**  
†Antonio Aldan Villanueva  
†Antonia Pangelinan Sablan  
†Eulogio Torres Sablan


**Siblings:** †Joseph Warakai  
†Gary Glenn Basa Villanueva  
†Katherine Basa Villanueva



**Janet's Memories will forever be in the hearts of her:**

**Children and Grandchildren:**  
Derisee Jackilyn Villanueva & Ricardo San Nicolas  
(Rihannalynn, Rishaleanne Janilla & Ricardo Jodon)  
Margarita Christiana Villanueva Kileleman  
Donald Jr. Villanueva Kileleman  
Joaquin Villanueva Kileleman

**Siblings:**  
Arlene Basa Villanueva  
Patricia Villanueva Kolish & Dustin Kolish  
(Children & Grandchildren)  
Dolores Basa Villanueva & Children  
Maureen R. Villanueva (Children & Grandchildren)



Janet's is also loved & cherished by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

Daily masses of intention are offered at 6:00am at Mount Carmel Cathedral. Funeral Services will be held on Monday, July 16, 2018.

Her remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home at 7:30am to Mount Carmel Cathedral. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am followed by Interment Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts & prayers are deeply appreciated by the family.

Un Dankulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase

*From Children, Siblings and Families*



# Off The Wall

## OFFBEAT BRIEFS

### World's ugliest dog dies weeks after winning title

**ANOKA, Minn.** (AP)—A 9-year-old English bulldog has died just weeks after winning the 2018 World's Ugliest Dog contest. Owner Megan Brainard of Anoka, Minnesota, told NBC's "Today" that Zsa Zsa died in her sleep Tuesday. Brainard says the dog was staying with her father and he found she had passed away when he got up in the morning. Zsa Zsa—with her floppy tongue, crooked teeth and pink manicure—won the annual contest on June 23 at the Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds in Petaluma, California. Brainard says Zsa Zsa never really showed much excitement, but that she knew she was special. Dogs in the annual competition flaunt their imperfections. The contestants included a blackhead-covered Chinese Crested-Dachshund mutt, a bulldog mix with excess wrinkly skin and a Pekingese named Wild Thang.

### Lamborghini destroyed in Missouri gas station mishap

**KIRKWOOD, Mo.** (AP)—Authorities say a Lamborghini erupted in flames at a suburban St. Louis gas station after a minivan driver pulled away from a gas pump with the nozzle still attached. Kirkwood Police Det. Bob Bruhy says a valve is supposed to shut off when that happens, but instead fuel sprayed into the Huracan Performante's engine, causing the blue Italian supercar to ignite Saturday. He says it was "completely an accident" and no one was charged. Parker Gelber wrote in a Facebook post that he was driving a red Lamborghini and his friend the blue one when they stopped for gas. His friend was getting water when the fire started. Another bystander captured the moments leading up to the blaze on a video that's been viewed more than 1.5 million times.

### Another Mud Day oozes into the books near Detroit

**WESTLAND, Mich.** (AP)—Made in the shade? It was more like made in the mud for hundreds of people at a Michigan park. Scores of children—and some parents—participated in the 31st annual Wayne County Mud Day on Tuesday at Nankin Mills Park in West-

land, west of Detroit. They sloshed and slid around in a shallow "pool" of mud and engaged in various races and a limbo line. In keeping with tradition, there was something royal amid the soil: 3-year-old Charles Daviskiba and 4-year-old Molly Kofahl were crowned Mud Day King and Queen. After the festivities, a local fire department rig sprayed water to rinse the mud-caked masses.

### Officers find 9-year-old girl behind wheel of crashed car

**DES MOINES, Iowa** (AP)—Officers who followed a car zig-zagging down a Des Moines street before it crashed were surprised to find a 9-year-old girl at the wheel with a 7-year-old child riding shotgun. A 911 caller alerted police to a reckless driver a little before 8:30 a.m. Monday. Officers who spotted the car turned on their flashing lights while following it, but the curb-to-curb excursion didn't end until the minor crash. Police say neither of the children was hurt. Sgt. Paul Parizek (puh-REE'-zihk) says the children apparently were just out on a joy ride, and were heading nowhere in particular. Parizek says they won't be referred to juvenile authorities, telling The Des Moines Register "the punishment to fit the crime is probably going to be in the home."

### German police ask for help in search for kangaroo mom, joey

**BERLIN** (AP)—German police are appealing to the public for help in their search for a kangaroo and her baby that went missing from a zoo earlier this week. Police in the central German state of Thuringia said Friday that the mother and her joey disappeared after a fence at an animal enclosure in the village of Meuschwitz was cut. It was unclear whether thieves intended to steal the animals or just the contents of a nearby donation box, which was also discovered cut open Wednesday morning. Police said a witness reported seeing a kangaroo hopping through a forest in the neighboring state of Saxony on Thursday night. Authorities are warning the public not to try to capture the kangaroos on their own.

### Idaho teacher denies feeding puppy to snapping turtle

**PRESTON, Idaho** (AP)—An Idaho teacher accused of feeding a sick puppy to a snapping turtle in front of several students has pleaded not guilty to a misdemeanor charge of animal cruelty. Preston Junior High School science teacher Robert Crosland made the plea Tuesday in Franklin County Magistrate Court. He faces up to six months in jail and a \$5,000 fine if convicted at his trial scheduled to start Oct. 26. The school is in rural Preston, where the 2004 teen cult classic film "Napoleon Dynamite" was set. Several parents came forward to say Crosland fed the puppy to the turtle on March 7. Several weeks later, state officials seized the turtle and euthanized it as a non-native species. Crosland didn't respond to a message left by The Associated Press at the school.

### Man takes a naked stroll through the city

**BURLINGTON, Vt.** (AP)—A man has decided to take a stroll in the buff through a Vermont downtown on a simmering day. The Burlington Free Press reports the man wearing nothing but a hat, sneakers and a lime green tote bag walked around Burlington on Thursday afternoon. When asked why he decided to go outdoors underdressed, the man said, "It's very hot." He declined to identify himself. Vermont was under a heat advisory that day, with the National Weather Service predicting a heat index of 102 degrees. The man says he's doing nothing but enjoying himself.

### Man gets Sea-Doo back nearly 6 years after Hurricane Sandy

**TOMS RIVER, N.J.** (AP)—A New Jersey man has been reunited with his Sea-Doo nearly six years after it was swept away in Hurricane Sandy. NJ.com reports Douglas Ferrigno got an unexpected call from police in Brick Township last week. A man renovating his home was about to clear a Sea-Doo from his property when he checked out a number on the watercraft and contacted police. Ferrigno's Sea-Doo had been sitting 6 miles away from his Pelican Island home at another house. It was secured by a cover and had all its parts intact including its key. The Sea-Doo roared back to life after Ferrigno replaced a few plugs and the vehicle's battery. Ferrigno says the watercraft's return is "a nice symbol to know that good things can happen."

# Science & Technology

## How Apple's app store changed our world

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—

A decade ago, Apple opened a store peddling iPhone apps, unlocking the creativity of software developers and letting users truly make their mobile devices their own.

The resulting explosion of phone apps—there are now more than 2 million for the iPhone alone—has changed daily life for billions of people around the world.

It has unleashed new ways for us to work and play—and to become so distracted that we sometimes forget to look up from our screens. It has created new industries—think ride-hailing services like Uber, which would be unimaginable without mobile apps—and pumped up demand for software developers and coding schools.

But it has also opened the door to an age of technology anxiety, rife with concerns that apps are serving us a little too well and holding our attention whether we want them to or not.

### IN THE BEGINNING

None of that was going on when Apple's app store debuted 10 years ago Tuesday. At the time, mobile phones were largely a take-it-or-leave-it proposition, with features programmed by their manufacturers and customization mostly limited to a choice between tinny electronic ringtones.

The iPhone itself was still in its infancy, with only 6 million devices sold during the device's first year. Then came the App Store, which offered 500 programs users could take or leave themselves. During its first weekend, people downloaded 10 million apps—many of them games.

## Facebook faces UK fine over its privacy scandal

**LONDON** (AP)—Facebook is facing its first financial penalty for allowing the data-mining firm Cambridge Analytica to forage through the personal data of millions of unknowing Facebook users.

A U.K. government office that investigated the Cambridge Analytica scandal announced its intention to fine Facebook 500,000 pounds (\$663,000) for failing to safeguard that user information. The amount is the maximum that the agency, the Information Commissioner's Office, can levy for violation of Britain's data-privacy laws.

The penalty is a pittance



In this Monday, June 4, 2018 file photo, Apple CEO Tim Cook speaks during an announcement of new products at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference in San Jose, Calif.

Apple competitors Google, Amazon and Microsoft soon launched their own app stores. Together, these companies now offer roughly 7 million apps. Apple, meanwhile, has now sold more than a billion iPhones.

### THE APP ECONOMY

That app tsunami, and the riches it generated, spawned new economic opportunities. Billions of dollars flowed into startups dependent on their apps, from Uber to Snapchat to Spotify to game makers like Angry Birds creator Rovio. Opportunities for software developers blossomed as well.

Apple perhaps benefited most of all. Its "free" apps usually display advertising or make money from subscriptions or other in-app purchases, while others charge users to download. Apple takes a cut of this action, sometimes as much as 30 percent.

The app store is now the fastest growing part of

Apple's business. Together with other Apple services, the app store generated \$33 billion in revenue over the year that ended in March. The company says it has paid out more than \$100 billion to developers during the past decade.

### THE OTHER SIDE OF APPS

For all the possibilities apps have allowed, there's also a dark side.

The Center for Humane Technology, an advocacy group formed by early employees of Google and Facebook, charges that many apps are engineered specifically to capture our attention, often to our detriment. That makes them "part of a system designed to addict us," the group says.

Apple says it shares similar concerns. To help, the company is adding new tools to the iPhone to track and control the usage of the most time-consuming apps.

for Facebook, which generates that sum roughly every seven minutes, based on its first-quarter revenue of \$11.97 billion. But it would represent the first tangible punishment for the company's privacy scandal, which tarnished its reputation, temporarily pushed down its shares and forced CEO Mark Zuckerberg to testify before Congress, but otherwise led to few lasting repercussions.

Cambridge Analytica, a London firm financed by wealthy Republican donors, worked for the 2016 Trump campaign and for a while

employed Steve Bannon, the Trump campaign CEO and later a White House adviser.

Facebook said the company illicitly gained access to personal information of up to 87 million users via an academic intermediary, although the firm said the number was much smaller than that. According to former Cambridge Analytica data scientist Christopher Wylie, a whistleblower, the firm aimed to construct psychographic profiles it could use to sway the votes of susceptible individuals.

Cambridge Analytica shut down its business in May.



# Life & Style

## 'Game of Thrones,' 'Roseanne' among Emmy nomination hopefuls

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Blockbuster movies typically are snubbed by the Oscars, leaving fans grumbling. Television's top prize takes a different approach.

When the 70th Emmy Awards nominees are announced at 11:25 a.m. EDT Thursday morning, popular series including HBO's

"Game of Thrones," NBC's "This Is Us" and CBS' "Mom" are likely to get their share of recognition.

The fantasy saga based on George R.R. Martin's novels is a two-time best drama series winner, back in the running for honors for its next-to-last season after a production delay kept it out of the 2017 competition.



AP  
This image released by HBO shows a scene from "Game of Thrones." The show holds the series record for most awards in a year, a dozen, which it set in 2015 and matched the following year, and with a total of 38 Emmys stands as the most-honored program ever.

one comeback season because of star Roseanne Barr's racist tweet, may have too much baggage to earn a best series nod, especially since such recognition eluded it during its original 1988-97 run.

But its cast members may have better luck, especially Laurie Metcalf, a three-time Emmy winner for her role as Jackie in the show's first go-around. She also has the newly minted glow of a Tony Award winner for her performance in "Three Tall Women" and an Oscar nominee for "Lady Bird."

Allison Janney of "Mom," who has won two supporting actress trophies for the show and last year tried competing in the lead actress category, can claim her own big-screen awards aura: She received an Oscar for "I, Tonya" earlier this year.

## Estefans: Immigration debate has fueled reaction to musical

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Gloria and Emilio Estefan credit President Donald Trump with boosting audience enthusiasm for their stage musical "On Your Feet!"

As the immigration debate has heated up, so have audiences' reactions to scenes in new stage musical that spins around two immigrants, the Grammy winners said in a recent interview.

"On Your Feet!" tells the story of the Estefans, who fled Cuba, settled in Miami and eventually attained the American dream. They built a musical empire with a string of successes, including their signature song, "Conga."

The show officially opened in Los Angeles Tuesday, its latest stop after debuting on Broadway in summer 2015. It was in the middle of its 780-performance run when Trump was elected president and has turned hardline immigration reform into one of his signature policies.

"This was written, like, six years ago. I think it's actu-

ally what is happening now," Emilio Estefan said.

In addition to being a love story and a success story, "On Your Feet!" also portrays challenges faced the Estefans, and many immigrants:

For example, how does one make a new home in a place where many say they want you to "Go home."

"(It was said) several times to us in our lives," recalled Gloria Estefan, when asked about the current administration's stand on immigration.

The show also deals with a continuing conflict for immigrants who want to hold on to their roots while also being accepted into the American mainstream.

The scene generating increasing applause portrays an argument that Gloria and Emilio have with their longtime manager, who is livid when the Estefans tell him they want to stop focusing on recordings in Spanish, in which they were dominant, and start recording in English to cross over to the pop charts.

"Game of Thrones" holds the series record for most awards in a year, a dozen, which it set in 2015 and matched the following year, and with a total of 38 Emmys stands as the most-honored drama ever.

Its biggest adversary is "The Handmaid's Tale," the dystopian drama that last year captured the top series prize and acting awards for Elisabeth Moss, Ann Dowd and Alexis Bledel among its eight wins.

Other likely contenders include Netflix's "Stranger Things" and "The Crown"

and, just maybe, BBC America's breakout "Killing Eve," with Sandra Oh as a spy hunting a female assassin.

Among comedies, a break in competition for HBO's "Veep" is a break for rivals long sidelined as the show collected three best comedy awards (and six best actress trophies for Julia Louis-Dreyfus).

FX's "Atlanta," which last year earned directing and acting trophies for creator-star Donald Glover, could be this year's titan. But there's a chance that Amazon new-

comer "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," about a homemaker turned brassy comedian, could come on strong.

There are two blasts from the past as well to consider: The revivals of NBC's "Will & Grace" and ABC's "Roseanne." With "Mom" and ABC's "Modern Family," they're broadcasting's strongest bets to fight the growing dominance of streaming and cable.

"This Is Us" is likely to be the only network offering to crack the best drama series category.

"Roseanne," canceled after

## Lawyer: Stormy Daniels arrested at Ohio strip club

Porn actress Stormy Daniels was arrested at an Ohio strip club and is accused of letting patrons touch her in violation of a state law, her attorney said early Thursday.

While Daniels was performing at Sirens, a strip club in Columbus, some patrons touched her in a "non-sexual" way, her lawyer, Michael Avenatti, told The

Associated Press.

An Ohio law known as the Community Defense Act prohibits anyone who isn't a family member to touch a nude or semi-nude dancer.

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, was in police custody early Thursday morning and was expected to face a misdemeanor charge, Avenatti said.

"This was a complete set up," he said. "It's absurd that law enforcement resources are being spent to conduct a sting operation related to customers touching performers in a strip club in a non-sexual manner."

A Columbus police spokeswoman didn't immediately respond to a message seeking comment. A person who answered the phone at the strip

club declined to comment.

Daniels has said she had sex with President Donald Trump in 2006 when he was married, which Trump has denied. She's suing Trump and his former longtime personal attorney, Michael Cohen, and seeking to invalidate a nondisclosure agreement that she signed days before the 2016 presidential election. *(AP)*

## Crush on married boss causes heartache every day for worker

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm 20 years old and have a job in retail. I have been working here for a few years and am in a higher position than most associates.

I'm in a relationship with my high school sweetheart, whom I truly love, but I am also crazy about my boss. She's beautiful, funny, and to be honest, I jumped at my promotion so I could get closer to her.

I feel terrible because, while I love my girlfriend (she's amazing), if I were given the chance to be with my boss, I'd have a hard time saying no. Thankfully, my boss is in a long-term marriage, so I know in my head I have no chance, but it hurts to go on every day thinking about her. I'd hate myself if I never told her how I feel about her. What should I do?

REALLY CONFUSED IN RETAIL

**DEAR REALLY CONFUSED:** Because you are excelling in this retail job, consider asking your beautiful, funny, married boss to write a positive letter of recommendation for you so you can find another job in retail—one that won't make you ache every time you clock in.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been asked to be in his sister's wedding. We said yes, mostly out of obligation.

There will be three married couples in the procession. I recently learned that my sister-in-law plans to have the couples

split up and walk with others. I think it's extremely weird and rude, so much so that we want to back out. Neither of us cares to be in a memory book with us posing with other people. It's not that either of us is jealous; we have been married for 24 years. What do you think?

FEELING OBLIGATED IN THE EAST

**DEAR FEELING OBLIGATED:** I think that before you take offense and back out, you should ask your sister-in-law why she wants to do this. It could be something as simple as variations in the height of the participants and not weird or rude. Between you and me, unless you and your husband feel so strongly about this that you are willing to create a rift in the family, you should go along with his sister's fantasy of her perfect day.

**DEAR ABBY:** I can't do anything for my 70-something-year-old mom without her thanking me so much it makes me uncomfortable. A recent example: She moved to a new apartment, and I bought her some gift certificates as a housewarming gift. She thanked me profusely via email when she received them. She thanked me again over the phone when I next spoke with her. She's thanked me at least half a dozen more times—each time she uses one of them.

When my sister and I paid for a trip for her, she bought us expensive gifts as thank-yous. The gifts cost far more than she could af-

## DEAR ABBY

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ford (and unfortunately, in my case, was something I'd never use), which kind of negated the idea of us paying for the trip.

I know Mom means well. Should I say or do anything, or just let it be?

THANKS-FULL SON IN SEATTLE

**DEAR SON:** If you say something, you risk embarrassing your mother or, worse, hurting her feelings. I vote for just letting it be.

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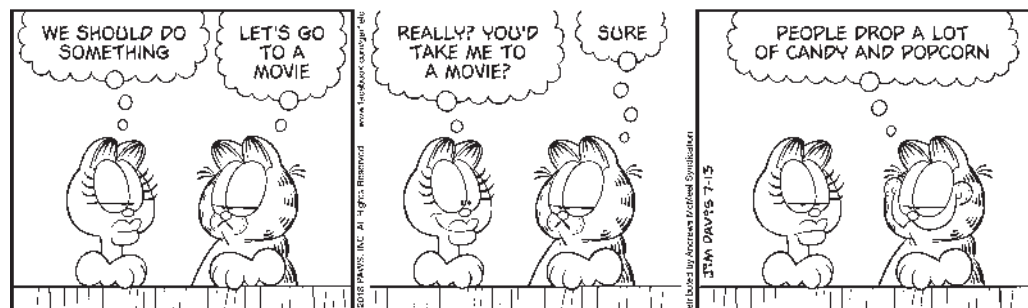
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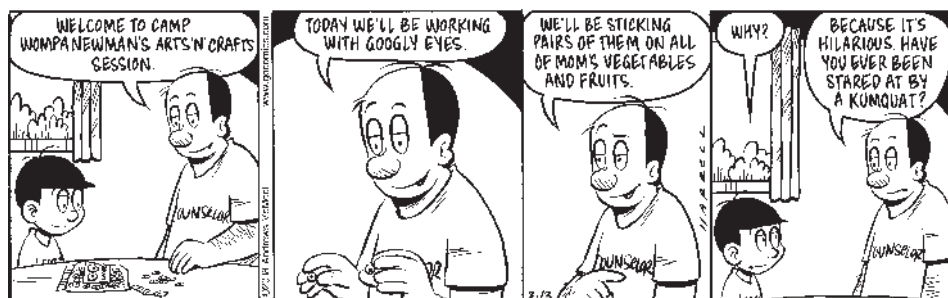
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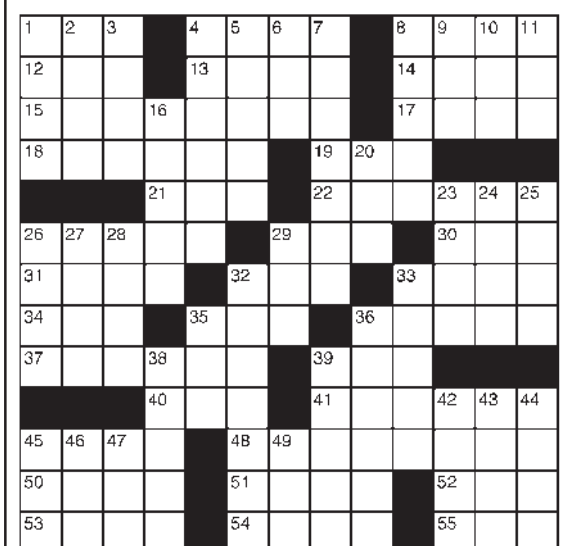
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**Happy Birthday:** A change will do you good. Consider visiting a place that you'd consider moving to if the right opportunity cropped up. Exploring new possibilities will turn this into a pivotal year that can lead to greater peace of mind as well as prosperity. Precision and timing will be necessary to avoid acting before you have everything in place. Your numbers are 5, 13, 20, 24, 33, 37, 43.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't slow down when you should be speeding up. Let others do as they please; it will give you the freedom to do things your way. Refuse to let personal problems sidetrack you. Strength and courage will encourage positive change. ☼☼

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Concentrate on what you are trying to achieve, and don't stop until you reach your destination. There is plenty to gain if you are willing to do less talking and more physical action. If you want something done right, do it yourself. ☼☼☼☼

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Search for an opportunity to put your knowledge to good use. Actively look for a position that requires your attributes, and talk your way into the position. Use similar tactics when you want something to change in your personal life as well. ☼☼☼

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Express your feelings and find out where you stand. It's important to know what you are up against as well as how you can take ad-

vantage of an opportunity. Use past examples to make your point clear. ☼☼☼

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Someone will try your patience. Chill and make a point to do your own thing. Avoid extravagance and individuals trying to push you to get involved in something that is likely to lead to a financial or emotional loss. ☼☼☼

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** A short trip or meeting with someone you respect will offer you greater insight into how best to handle your personal relationships. A makeover or trendy new look will encourage you to socialize. Romance is encouraged. ☼☼☼☼

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Participation will help you attract the attention you are trying to direct to a project you believe in. Speak up and promote what you feel can make a difference. Don't adhere to someone who wants to blow the budget on unnecessary action. ☼☼

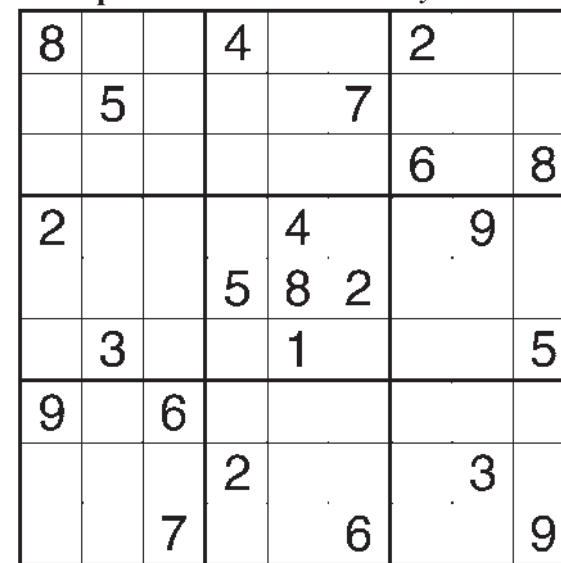
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't make a hasty decision or move -- no matter what someone else tries to tell you to speed up a deal or situation. You are better off using restraint until you have sufficient information to satisfy any uncertainty or doubt you have. ☼☼

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Count your money and evaluate your assets. Don't feel the need to give in to someone offering a sob story. Put your possessions somewhere safe. Once secure, relax and have some well-deserved fun with people who share similarities with you. ☼☼☼☼☼

## SUDOKU

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By Dave Green



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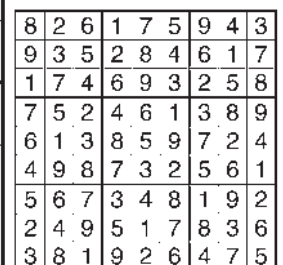
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**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Express your feelings and make it clear where you stand on controversial topics that can affect your personal relationship with someone. It's OK to disagree as long as you give others the same privilege. Collaboration and compromise will bring good results. ☼☼☼

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Look into unusual investments and out-of-the-ordinary opportunities. Share your thoughts and intentions and see what transpires. A physical change will give you the look of success. Show your individuality and wear your new look with pride. ☼☼☼

**Birthday Baby:** You are steadfast, practical and patient. You are helpful and possessive.

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By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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# Federer upset by Anderson in five-set thriller

**LONDON (AP)**—Roger Federer was a point away from a rather tidy, straight-set victory in the Wimbledon quarterfinals. One lousy point.

And then, slowly, over the next two-plus hours, all the way until the fifth set reached its 24th game, as the temperature dropped and the spectators' cries of "Let's go, Roger!" echoed through the shadows, everything came apart for the eight-time champion. Against an opponent who'd never beaten him nor made it this far at the All England Club.

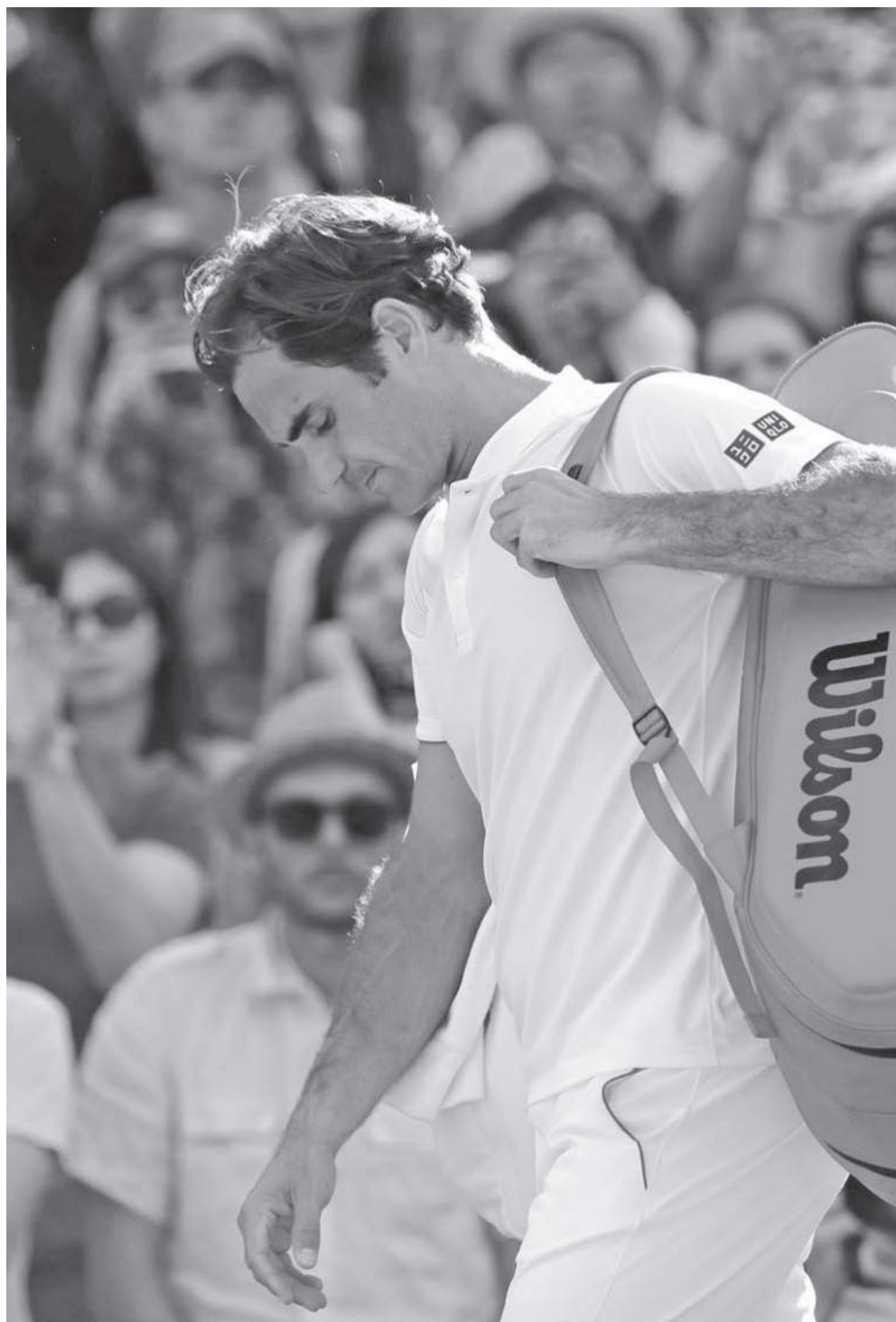
In a stunning turnaround in an unfamiliar setting—No. 1 Court instead of Centre Court—the top-seeded Federer blew a third-set match point and, eventually, all of his big lead in a 2-6, 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-4, 13-11 loss to No. 8 Kevin Anderson on Wednesday in a 4-hour, 14-minute tussle.

"It was just one of those days where you hope to get by somehow," said Federer, who last played at No. 1 Court in 2015. "I almost could have. I should have."

While his tournament is over, two of his long-time rivals at the top of tennis set up a semifinal showdown: Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic. Nadal, who's won two of his 17 Grand Slam titles at Wimbledon, edged 2009 U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro 7-5, 6-7 (7), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 in a wildly entertaining match that featured diving shots by both and lasted 4 hours, 48 minutes.

Djokovic, whose 12 major championships include three from the All England Club, got to his first Grand Slam semifinal since 2016 by beating No. 24 seed Kei Nishikori 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

In Friday's other men's



match, Anderson will face No. 9 John Isner, the 33-year-old American who reached his first major semifinal in his 41st try by eliminating 2016 runner-up Milos Raonic 6-7 (5), 7-6 (7), 6-4, 6-3. Isner hit

25 aces, saved the only break point he faced, and has won all 95 of his service games in the tournament.

Federer hadn't been broken until facing Anderson. Still, the 20-time major champion was

leading by two sets and 5-4 in the third when, with Anderson serving, he got to Ad-Out. He could have ended things right then and there. Federer managed to return a 134 mph serve, but on his next stroke, he

shanked a backhand. Back to deuce. From there, it all began to change. Anderson held for 5-all, broke to 6-5 with a violent return winner off a 97 mph second serve, then staved off three break points and closed the set with a 133 mph ace.

The comeback was just beginning.

"I had my chances," Federer said, "so it's disappointing." This was only the third time in Federer's 20 years of contesting Grand Slam matches that he lost after taking the opening two sets; both of the other defeats came in 2011. And, according to the ATP, it's the fifth time Federer lost a match at a major after holding a match point, something else that last happened seven years ago.

How hard was it to see this coming?

First of all, Federer was 4-0 against Anderson, winning every set. But there was more. So much more. Federer was attempting to reach his 13th semifinal at Wimbledon and move closer to title No. 9, both of which would have broken his own records.

He came into the match having won 32 consecutive sets at Wimbledon, a run he stretched to 34 before faltering.

"I just kept on telling myself, 'I have to keep believing.' I kept saying that today

was going to be my day," Anderson said, "because you really need that mindset taking the court against somebody like Roger."

Anderson was the runner-up to Nadal at last year's U.S. Open, but he never made it beyond the fourth round at Wimbledon until this week. He hit 28 aces against Federer, saved nine of 12 break points and managed to hold his own in the rare lengthy baseline rallies.

"It's like that with the big servers," Federer said. "You're never really safe."

As the fifth set became as much a test of mental strength as anything, from 4-all to 6-all to 8-all to 10-all, Anderson stayed steady. It was Federer who blinked, double-faulting to face a break point at 11-all, then slapping a forehand into the net.

Anderson, a 32-year-old South African who played college tennis at Illinois, served it out, ending things with a 128 mph service winner before raising both arms.

Djokovic got his wish to play in the main stadium, and he showed that he might completely be back from right elbow troubles that lasted more than a year until he finally had surgery in February.

He's been flashing some anger this fortnight and did so again in the second set, bouncing his racket off the turf after failing to capitalize on three break points at 1-all.

That earned a code violation from chair umpire Carlos Ramos. When Nishikori let his own racket fly in the fourth set, he wasn't chastised, which prompted Djokovic to yell "double standards" toward Ramos—drawing boos from fans.

"He claims that he didn't see what Nishikori has done, but apparently he always sees what I do," Djokovic said afterward, "something that I don't think is fair."

Later, Ramos warned Djokovic for a time violation, but that didn't seem to faze the Serb.

Soon enough, Djokovic was on his way to the semifinals, where he will meet Nadal.

"I like the level of tennis that I'm playing on right now. I really do. I think with the performances I've had, I deserve to be in the semifinals," said Djokovic, whose last major title came at the 2016 French Open. "I don't want to stop here. I hope I can get a chance to fight for a trophy."

He'll have to get past Nadal first.



## GM Pelinka: Lakers landing LeBron is 'ultimate validation'



**EL SEGUNDO, Calif.** (AP)—Rob Pelinka says the Los Angeles Lakers aren't trying to beat the Golden State Warriors at their own game.

Instead, they're building a team around LeBron James to do something different.

Pelinka spoke publicly Wednesday for the first time since the Lakers' remarkable offseason overhaul began, and the irrepressibly optimistic former agent radiated excitement about the future for a team that hasn't made the playoffs in five seasons.

"To get the commitment from LeBron James to come to the Lakers for four years was really the culmination of everything we've been work-

ing towards," Pelinka said. "When LeBron chose to come here, it was the ultimate validation for the moves we've made and what we've been building since we started."

The longest postseason drought in franchise history could be finished after James chose the Lakers in free agency. The club also added veterans Rajon Rondo, JaVale McGee and Lance Stephenson alongside their young core while parting ways with Julius Randle and Brook Lopez, among others.

Pelinka and top executive Magic Johnson hope the result is a sturdy, defense-minded team with enough up-tempo offense to trouble the Warriors, the Houston Rockets and every other contender for the title.

"I think to try to play the Warriors at their own game is a trap," Pelinka said. "No one is going to beat them at their own game, so that is why we wanted to add these elements of defense and toughness and depth and try to look at areas where we will have an advantage."

Pelinka said the Lakers focused their free agency recruitment efforts on versatile, playoff-tested talents who can score and defend, instead of looking for elite players with only one specialty. He hopes the result will be a flexible, dangerous team under coach Luke Walton -- and a different look around James, whose Cleveland Cavaliers teams often looked like a collection of perimeter shooters whose deficiencies were exposed by Golden State and others.

Pelinka praised Rondo as a gritty guard whose championship pedigree will fill a void on the roster. He also described Stephenson as providing "an extreme toughness and an edge," comparing his skills to Dennis Rodman's contributions to Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls, or Metta World Peace's work with Kobe Bryant's late-career Lakers.

"The road to the NBA championship has to go through the team that won last year, and we all know the guys up north have a special group," Pelinka said. "But one of the ways to attack what they have is with defensive toughness. I think we saw that in the Houston series with some of the players that Houston has."

Pelinka's desire for flex-

ibility extended to the payroll as well. After years of trading away draft picks and acquiring high-priced veterans in an effort to win now with Bryant, the Lakers were overextended until Pelinka and Johnson spent the past 16 months creating enough salary cap space to sign two elite free agents.

They only got one, although the Lakers still appear to be in contention for disgruntled San Antonio star Kawhi Leonard, who has a year left on his contract with the Spurs.

No matter what happens, Pelinka said the Lakers' series of one-year contracts around James will put them in position to have ample cap space again next summer, when several stars could be available to join James.



# Bird's slam, Gray's pitching carry Yanks past Orioles



**BALTIMORE**  
(AP)—After

spending three days at Camden Yards, Greg Bird and Sonny Gray left town feeling a whole lot better than when they arrived.

Bird hit his first career grand slam to back a dominating pitching performance by Gray, and the New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles 9-0 Wednesday night for a split of the four-game series.

Facing Dylan Bundy (6-9) in the third inning, Bird launched a drive off the right-field foul pole to put New York up 5-0. It was the second night in a row he homered and had four RBI.

The big first baseman came to Baltimore with nine RBI, and doubled that total during this series.

"Him playing well is a big deal for us," manager Aaron Boone said. "Hopefully we're starting to see him get settled in and having some impact at bats."

Gray (6-7) allowed three hits, walked one and struck out eight over six innings. The right-hander had lost three straight starts, the last two in which he gave up a collective 11 runs over 4 1/3 innings.

## Rockies 19, Diamondbacks 2

In Denver, Colorado right-hander German Marquez homered against Arizona infielder Daniel Descalso, helping the Rockies pound the Diamondbacks 19-2 on Wednesday night.

Marquez (8-8) pitched six innings of two-run ball. He connected for his first career homer in the fifth.

## Marlins 5, Brewers 4, 12 innings

In Miami, Milwaukee slugger

Jesus Aguilar was added to the NL All-Star team and then validated the selection with three hits and three RBI, but the Brewers went 3 for 16 with runners in scoring position.

Starlin Castro singled home the winning run for Miami with one out in the 12th. Elieser Hernandez (1-5) pitched two scoreless innings for the victory.

## Pirates 2, Nationals 0

In Pittsburgh, Starling Marte hit a two-run homer for Pittsburgh, and Trevor Williams combined with four relievers on a five-hitter.

Williams (7-7) won for just the second time in his past 10 starts, permitting four hits in five innings.

## Twins 8, Royals 5

In Minneapolis, Brian Dozier hit a two-run homer, going deep for the second straight game to give Minnesota a boost on its way to a win over Kansas City.

Lance Lynn (7-7) recovered from a three-run homer by Salvador Perez in the first inning to win his second straight start for the Twins.

## Rays 4, Tigers 2

In St. Petersburg, C.J. Cron's three-run home run in the seventh inning carried Tampa Bay Rays to its fifth straight win, a victory over Detroit.

Cron's 18th homer came off Jordan Zimmermann after singles by Kevin Kiermaier and Matt Duffy.

## Giants 5, Cubs 4, 13 innings

In San Francisco, Buster Posey singled off the right-field wall in the 13th inning for his fifth career game-ending hit, sending San Francisco past Chicago.

Brandon Belt drew a two-



out walk from James Norwood (0-1). Andrew McCutchen then singled to bring up Posey.

## Red Sox 4, Rangers 2

In Boston, Chris Sale struck out 12 in seven innings of shutout ball in his final start before the All-Star Game, and major league batting leader Mookie Betts had two more hits to lead Boston to its ninth straight victory over Texas.

Sale (10-4) allowed six hits and walked one to win his fifth straight decision.

## Mets 3, Phillies 0, 10 innings

In New York, pinch-hitter Brandon Nimmo launched a

three-run homer in the bottom of the 10th inning and New York got another dominant outing from All-Star Jacob deGrom in a 3-0 victory over Philadelphia Phillies.

## White Sox 4, Cardinals 0

In Chicago, Carlos Rodon pitched three-hit, shutout ball into the eighth inning to outduel Luke Weaver and lead Chicago to a victory over St. Louis.

Rodon (2-3) allowed only two singles and a double while walking two and striking out a season-high seven though 7 1/3 innings. The 25-year-old left-hander, who spent the first two months of

2018 on the disabled list rehabbing from shoulder surgery, sparked in just his seventh start this season.

## Braves 9, Blue Jays 5

In Atlanta, Ozzie Albies snapped Atlanta's power drought with two homers, and the Braves beat Toronto to move back into a tie for the NL East lead.

Mike Foltynewicz (7-5) and the Braves led 7-0 before Toronto scored five runs in the seventh on Justin Smoak's leadoff homer and a grand slam by Devon Travis. But Albies hit a two-run shot in the eighth to help Atlanta hold on for just its second win in eight games.

New York Yankees starting pitcher Sonny Gray throws to a Baltimore Orioles batter during the first inning of a baseball game Wednesday, July 11, 2018, in Baltimore.

## Indians 19, Reds 4

In Cleveland, Jose Ramirez homered twice and drove in five runs as Cleveland took out some frustrations following a brutal loss with a thumping of Cincinnati.

Ramirez hit a two-run homer in the first inning off Tyler Mahle (7-7) and connected for a three-run shot in Cleveland's nine-run third.

## Athletics 8, Astros 3

In Houston, Chad Pinder hit a three-run homer and Khris Davis added three RBI as Oakland jumped on Lance McCullers Jr. early and cruised to a win over Houston.

Davis, who extended his career-best hitting streak to 13 games, put the A's up 2-0 with a double in a three-run first.

## Mariners 3, Angels 0

In Anaheim, Marco Gonzalez pitched seven sharp innings, David Freitas hit his first major league home run and Seattle defeated Los Angeles.

Gonzalez (10-5) gave up just two hits and struck out four without issuing a walk.

## Dodgers 4, Padres 2

In San Diego, Kenta Maeda pitched effectively into the sixth inning and Matt Kemp, Logan Forsythe and Chris Taylor each delivered an RBI single as Los Angeles topped San Diego.

The surging Dodgers pulled within a half-game of NL West-leading Arizona with their 34th victory in 50 games.



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Asiana Airlines has donated a roundtrip ticket to anywhere the airlines flies except the U.S., while Saipan Travel Inc. has donated a first class round trip ticket between Saipan and Shanghai or Guangzhou. Both tickets will be offered as hole-in-one prizes on the course and, if not won, will be raffled off at the evening's banquet.

"I am honored to sponsor the 17th HANMI Golf Tournament," said Asiana Airlines Saipan Regional Office manager Ahn Min Kyoung. "Asiana Airlines has 83 aircraft, operating in 63 cities and 76 routes in 21 countries around the world. We hope you will travel comfortably and safely in one of 63 cities (except the U.S.) you want."

Also this week, exclusive hole sponsors IT&E donated \$1,200 cash and Island Training Solutions donated \$600 cash, which HANMI will in-



clude in its fund for charitable donations in the year ahead. In the past, HANMI has supported organizations and activities, including Saipan Senior Advisory Council, Northern Marianas Trades Institute, Marianas Tourism Education Council, animal welfare groups, law enforcement programs, and more.

The tournament is also offering several other hole-in-prizes, including \$5,000 cash sponsored by Pacifica Insurance, \$20,000 cash from LT Travel and the Tin-

ian Mayor's Office, \$20,000 cash sponsored by Century Tours, \$5,000 cash sponsored by Century Insurance, \$2,500 cash sponsored by Traders Insurance, a 2018 Toyota C-HR from Atkins Kroll (Saipan), and a 2018 Mazda CX-5 GT from Triple J Motors.

"The support of our many, many sponsors has been truly tremendous this year, and we thank them for their help in making this tournament great for the players and our fundraising efforts," said tournament committee chair Ty Pauling. "The HANMI tournament has a track record of selling out every

year, so we encourage anyone interested in participating to register at LaoLao today to secure their slot."

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## BUSY

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in China, the spotlight will shift to the U16 squad, which will participate in the Tuloy XO Cup in the Philippines from July 31 to Aug. 6.

Meanwhile, the CNMI Men's National Team will be holding two training camps outside Saipan to prepare for the EAFF E-1 Men's Preliminary Round 1. The first stop will be Japan and the camp will start on July 17 and ends

on July 23. The second and last training camp will take place in Korea in August, while the squad will travel to Ulan Bator in Mongolia for a qualifying tournament for the 2019 EAFF E-1 Football Championship.

In Mongolia, the CNMI will challenge the host, Guam, and Macau. The winner will advance to the second round and duel Chinese-Taipei, North Korea, and Hong Kong in the November tournament. The finals, on the other hand, will be held in South Korea, but competition

dates have yet to be determined. South Korea, Japan, China, have qualified to the finals.

The CNMI Women's National Team will participate in the same qualifier and will also square off against squads from Mongolia, Guam, and Macau for a slot to the second round where China, Hong Kong, and Chinese-Taipei are waiting. Japan, South Korea, and North Korea are the finalists in the women's.

Over in Tajikistan, the CNMI will play against Thailand, Iran, Singapore, and the

host in Group C of the Asian Football Confederation U16 Women's Championships 2019 Qualifiers. The tournament in Tajikistan will run from Sept. 15 to 23.

The CNMI Women's U19 National Team will also see action in an AFC-sanctioned tournament—U19 Women's Championships 2019 Qualifiers—from Oct. 24 to 28 with the host country yet to be announced.

In the U19 qualifier, the Commonwealth U19 crew will be up against Vietnam,

## V-BALL

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CNMI last competed in indoor volleyball and reports (about their opponents) are hard to find.

The Commonwealth last fielded a men's volleyball team in 2006 when Saipan hosted the quadrennial event.

"Though we don't know much about your opponents, for sure Guam will be the strongest team in the field. You can also count Yap as a favorite since they are the home team. We will just see what the other teams will give us and respond base on the game situation," said Davis, who will join the team's last training session this Saturday before they head to Yap on July 17 in time for the opening of the volleyball com-

petition on July 19.

Besides Guam and Yap, the CNMI will also face Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Palau. Kiribati and Nauru had initially committed to compete in the men's indoor volleyball, but pulled out a few days before the Micron Games kicks off.

Meanwhile, the CNMI baseball, men's and women's basketball, athletics, men's and women's canoe, and weightlifting squads will be the second batch of athletes and officials leaving Saipan for Yap. The group will be reunited with the three-person spearfishing team in time for Sunday's opening ceremonies, while the swimming team (ocean swim) will join the volleyball group for the Tuesday flight to Yap.

## CROATIA

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will be remembered more for a fashionable waistcoat than ending a half-century of hurt.

France, which won its only title at home in 1998, will have an extra day of rest after beating Belgium 1-0 on Tuesday.

Croatia, coming off 360 intense minutes at soccer's highest level, faces its biggest sporting moment since becoming an independent nation in 1991.

"We started slowly, but we've shown our character, just as we did in the previous two knockout rounds when we were one-goal down," Perisic said.

Fans back home in Zagreb took to the streets to celebrate, lighting flares and waving flags in a sea of exuberance.

"We are a nation of people who never give in, who are proud and who have character," said coach Zlatko Dalic, who wore a checkered jersey to his post-match news conference. "There's no weakness in a team that is in the final."

England was not among the top 10 nations in ticket sales before the tournament, but the team's progress caused gallivanting supporters to flock to Moscow.

The front of the stands behind one goal was filled with more than two dozen white banners with a red Cross of St. George, pledging support from many of the island's clubs, from Bradford to Wolverhampton. Back home, a crowd of 30,000 was in London's Hyde Park for a

large-screen viewing, the British Beer and Pub Association predicted supporters would buy 10 million extra pints at pubs during the match, and No.1 Court at Wimbledon was less than one-third full for the men's quarterfinal between John Isner and Milos Raonic.

Promise seemed about to be fulfilled when Kieran Trippier curled in a free kick in the fifth minute for his first international goal, above leaping Dejan Lovren and Mandzukic and past the desperate dive of goalkeeper Danijel Subasic. Choruses of "God Save the Queen" began in England's end.

"We had a couple chances after that to get the second, give ourselves a bit more breathing room," England captain Harry Kane said.

Football will not be coming home to England, and there will be no title to match the 1966 triumph at Wembley Stadium. Kane & Co. will deal with the same disappointment that felled Shearer and Platt, Gazza and Wazza, Beckham and Gerrard. And Southgate, whose penalty-kick failure led to England's previous semifinal loss in a major tournament, in the 1996 European Championship semifinals.

"Impossible to say anything to them that is going to make them feel better at this point," Southgate said after England's fourth straight loss in a major tournament semifinal.

Croatia tied the score after Rakitic switched the ball from left flank to right, where Vrsaljko crossed. Kyle Walker

attempted a diving header to clear. Perisic jumped and from behind raised his left boot over Walker's head to poke the ball past goalkeeper Jordan Pickford from about 8 yards for his fourth World Cup goal, including two in this tournament.

Mandzukic scored after Walker stuck out a leg to block Josip Pivacic's cross. The ball popped up, and Perisic out-jumped Trippier to head the ball toward goal. Mandzukic alertly reacted to the unexpected ball in the penalty area, splitting defenders Stones and Harry Maguire, who both had taken four short steps up. The ball bounced twice, Mandzukic ran onto it and one-timed a low, left-footed shot to Pickford's left.

"Three times 120 minutes and fresher legs today than the English team," Lovren marveled.

## Youthful, energetic French vs experienced Croats

A World Cup of surprises concludes with a final of contrasts.

Powered by the dynamism of Kylian Mbappe, France has youthful exuberance in a side packed with some of soccer's highest-value talent. It also has pedigree—winners in 1998 and finalists in 2006.

Croatia has a veteran roster that has been stretched to the limit but continues to win in Russia. The Croats never give in, prevailing in a shootout against Denmark, again on penalties against Russia — after being stung by a late equalizer—and

then recovering from conceding early against England.

Just don't suggest Croatia will be weary in Sunday's final when it returns to the Luzhniki Stadium on Sunday.

Croatia's star midfielder Luka Modric said "we will see who will be tired" was the team ethos going into Wednesday's semifinal, feeling Croatia had been under-estimated by the English.

Modric, along with Mario Mandzukic, are the 32-year-olds who have propelled Croatia to its first major soccer final. In the previous four World Cups: Croatia failed to qualify in 2010 and was ousted in the group stage the other three occasions.

Before then, in its World Cup debut in 1998, Croatia did reach the semifinals, where it lost to France.

When Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic visited the team hotel in Moscow on Wednesday that 1998 game was on his mind -- even before beating England.

"We might have the chance for the revenge in the finals with the French," Plenkovic said.

Now they get it.

Croatia advanced to its first World Cup final with a 2-1 extra-time win over England on Wednesday night. France beat Belgium 1-0 a night earlier.

"We have a good opportunity to give them something back for 20 years ago when they reached the final," Croatia defender Dejan Lovren said. "Maybe it's our time to revenge something but it's a tough game and it will be difficult."

A country of 65 million, France has stars like 19-year-old sensation Mbappe, midfielder Paul Pogba and striker Antoine Griezmann.

Croatia is the fourth-smallest country of the 32 World Cup teams with just over 4 million people. It has a chance to be the least-populous nation to win since Uruguay took the title in 1950, when it was a nation of just over 2 million.

## All those oh, so nears and more for England

They sing of alcohol and agony, and of all those oh, so nears.

The anguished English now have another line to add to the lyrics of "Three Lions": Football's not coming home.

There was no penalty heartache this time, like in the semifinals at the 1990 World Cup or 1996 European Championship. But a loss to Croatia in extra time stopped England from reaching its first World Cup final since 1966.

"It hurts a lot," England striker Harry Kane said. "It's going to hurt for a while."

The fans sang of 30 years of hurt in 1996. Two years later, they refreshed it to 32. But the Lightning Seeds, an English musical act, stopped producing updates after that.

It's now 52 years and counting.

England came very close on Wednesday. For more than an hour, Gareth Southgate's young team led Croatia before the weary, aging opposition sprung back into life at the Luzhniki Stadium.

Now, on their way to St. Petersburg for a third-place play-off against Belgium, there are just so many agonizing misses to replay in their heads.

Kane. Jesse Lingard. Raheem Sterling. Chances to build on the lead secured by Kieran Trippier's free kick in the fifth minute.

While Trippier did Bend it like Beckham for his goal, this generation of England players is far removed from the celebrity-obsessed David Beckham-era that straddled the millennium. They even managed to win a game on penalties, breaking the streak of five tournament shootout losses, in the round of 16.

"Wasn't to be this time," British Prime Minister Theresa May wrote on Twitter amid the latest Brexit turmoil within her government, "but it's been a great journey that's made the country proud."

There is a genuine sense of warmth between this squad and its followers. The apathy of just four years ago—when the 90,000-capacity Wembley Stadium was more than half empty—replaced by a newfound affection for the national team under Southgate. Fans could relate to players like Kane, Trippier and John Stones, who toiled through lower leagues to eventually reach the pinnacle of the game. The coach even became an unlikely fashion icon.

"If we have brought joy back home, which I know we have," Southgate said, "that has been worthwhile."



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Rep. Larry Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) concentrates with his shot in one of the holes at the back nine of the Coral Ocean Point Golf & Resort, which hosted last Saturday's Kensington Hotel 2nd Anniversary Golf Tournament



A group of golfers heads down back to their cart after completing play in one of the holes on the front nine.



Rep. Joe Itibus (R-Saipan) places his ball on the tee.



A golfer gets ready to line up his ball.



Marianas Visitors Authority board member Chris Nelson watches his ball rolls to the cup.



A golfer chips from the green.



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## V-ball team counts on speed, chemistry

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The CNMI Men's National Volleyball Team will lean on speed and chemistry when they compete in the 2018 Micronesian Games in Yap.

### Busy schedule for CNMI soccer teams



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The CNMI Women's U16 National Team's Sharmaine Francisco tries to keep control of the ball during a training match against Quality Distributors at the Guam Football Association National Training Center in Dededo last month.

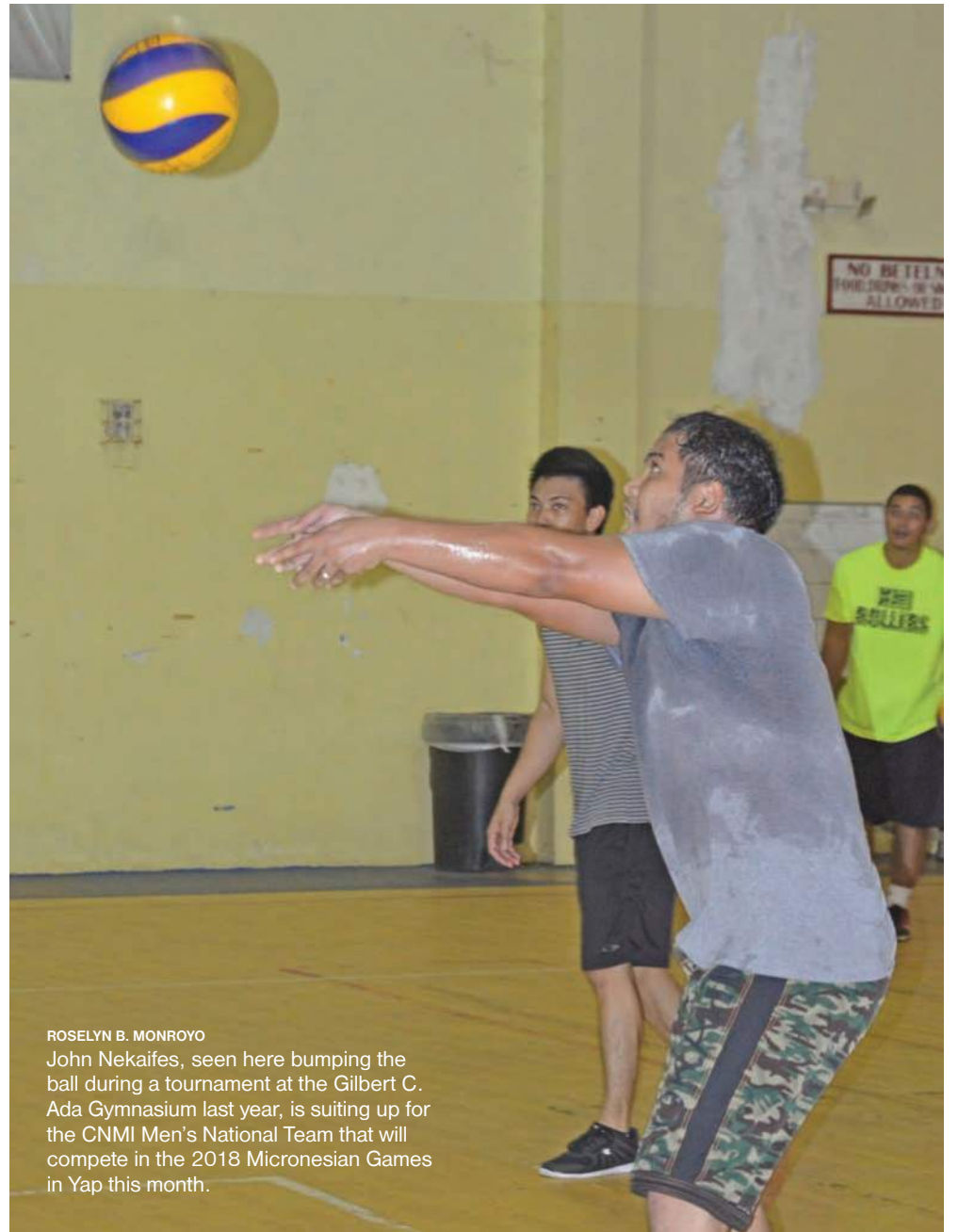


"We have a young team with majority of our players in the 17 to 26 age group, so we will definitely have speed and stamina. These players have been practicing together since April and they have also been playing with or against each other in the past two years so they know how capable their teammates are," said coach Shawn Davis in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The squad is made up of Ryan Camacho, Mychal Omar, Alfredo Guevarra, Jr., Jerrett Rosario, Danilo Borlain, Nakashima "Billy" Nakashima, Don Marshall Cabrera, John Neikaifes, John Michael Costales, Logan Mister, Nick Gross, Tahj Salas, and Eric Kiser. They were selected from the pool of 21 athletes who joined the tryouts coordinated by Saipan Volleyball Club through the sanction of the Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association.

"The team has good communication skills and camaraderie so hopefully that will produce possible results for us," added Davis, admitting that they don't know what to expect in the tournament, as it's been a while since the

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John Nekaifes, seen here bumping the ball during a tournament at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium last year, is suiting up for the CNMI Men's National Team that will compete in the 2018 Micronesian Games in Yap this month.

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The CNMI national teams will have their hands full in the last half of the year, as the Commonwealth will compete in various off-island tournaments and hold training camps.

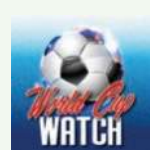
First to see action on the pitch is the CNMI Boys U15 National Team, which will head to China for the East Asian Football federation U15 Boys Tournament 2018. The event will run from July 23 to 28 in Xianghe.

The Commonwealth bets will debut against Hong Kong on July 23 and then will face China (July 24), South Korea (July 25), Mongolia (July 27), and Chinese-Taipei (July 28).

Once the CNMI's boys U15 crew complete their tournament

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## Croatia reaches finals for first time



MOSCOW

(AP)—Croatia's legs seemed heavy, burdened by the accumulated toll of consecutive penalty-kicks wins needed to get this far. England had gone ahead with a free kick just five minutes in, dominated play and appeared headed to its first World Cup final since 1966.

Then the second half started and it was as if a different Croatian team had replaced the lethargic one.

Ivan Perisic tied the score in the 68th minute, Mario Mandzukic got the go-ahead goal in the 109th and Croatia shocked England with a 2-1 victory Wednesday that advanced a nation of just over 4 million to a World Cup final



England goalkeeper Jordan Pickford lies down on the pitch as Croatia goalkeeper Danijel Subasic, right, celebrates at the end of the semifinal match at the 2018 soccer World Cup in the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow, Russia, Wednesday, July 11, 2018.

against France.

"Mentally strong team," midfielder Ivan Rakitic said. "It's just unbelievable to get back in the game in this way."

When the final whistle blew and they knew they were going to their first World Cup final, the Croatians ran to their jumping and cheering fans in their iconic red-and-white checkered jerseys. Croatia joined an exclusive club of 13 nations that advanced to a World Cup final, doing it in a tournament where powers Brazil, Germany, Argentina and Spain made early exits.

"They've had an incredible route to the final. They've shown remarkable character," said England coach Gareth Southgate, who for now

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